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(54) **TOUCH PANEL AND TOUCH DISPLAY DEVICE ALLOWING RELATIVELY UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION OF CONTACT VIAS ACROSS TOUCH ELECTRODE BLOCKS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A touch panel including a substrate, an insulating layer, touch electrode blocks, and electrode lines. The touch electrode blocks include an array of first type touch electrode blocks having a regular shape and a second type touch electrode block having an irregular shape. Ones of the first type touch electrode blocks are electrically connected to respective ones of the electrode lines by respective X first contact vias extending through the insulating layer, and the respective X first contact vias are arranged along a straight line in a column direction. The second type touch electrode block is electrically connected to a first corresponding one of the electrode lines by Y second contact vias extending through the insulating layer, and the Y second contact vias are arranged along at least one straight line in the column direction. X and Y are natural numbers, and $0.75 \times X \leq Y \leq 1.25 \times X$.

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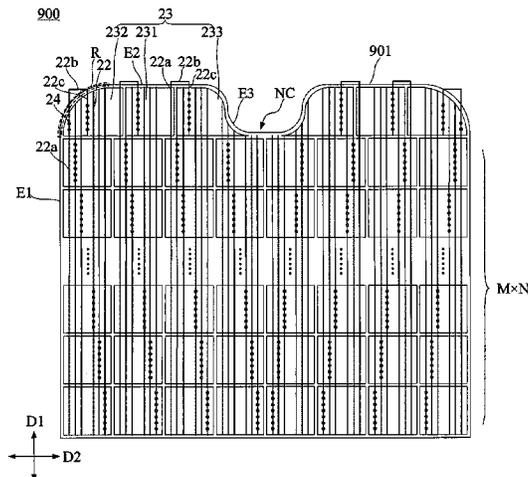
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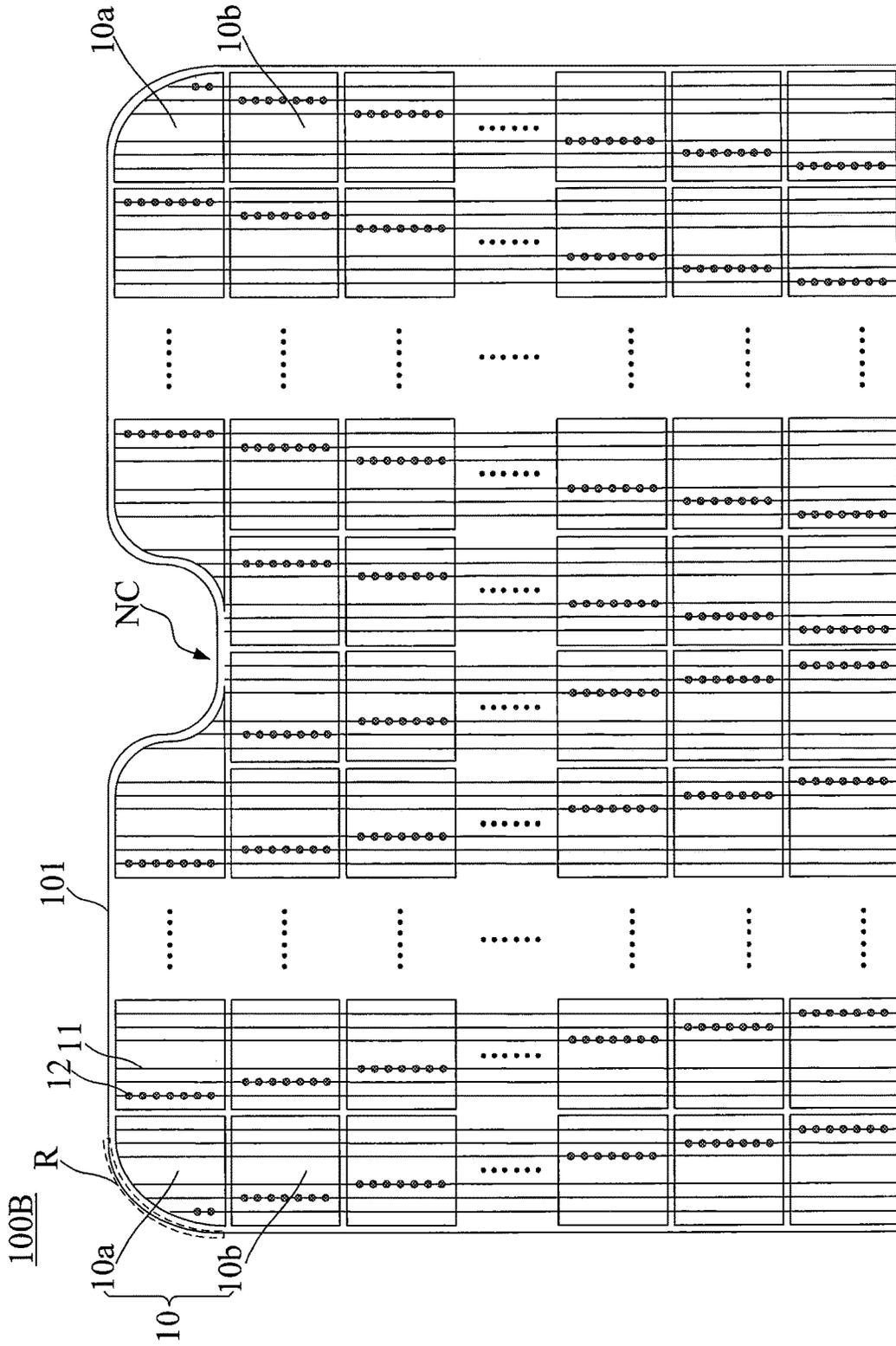
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FIG. 1B

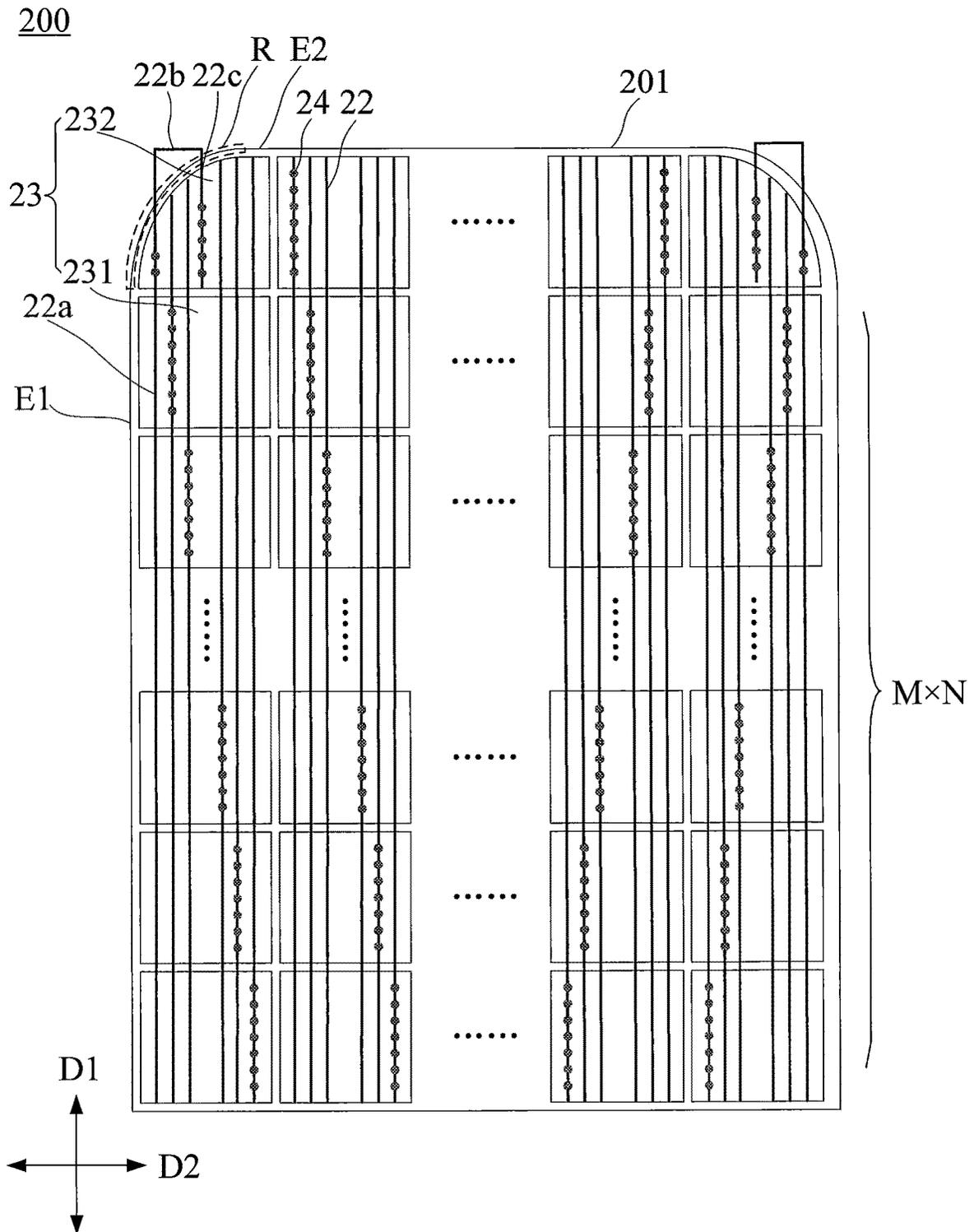


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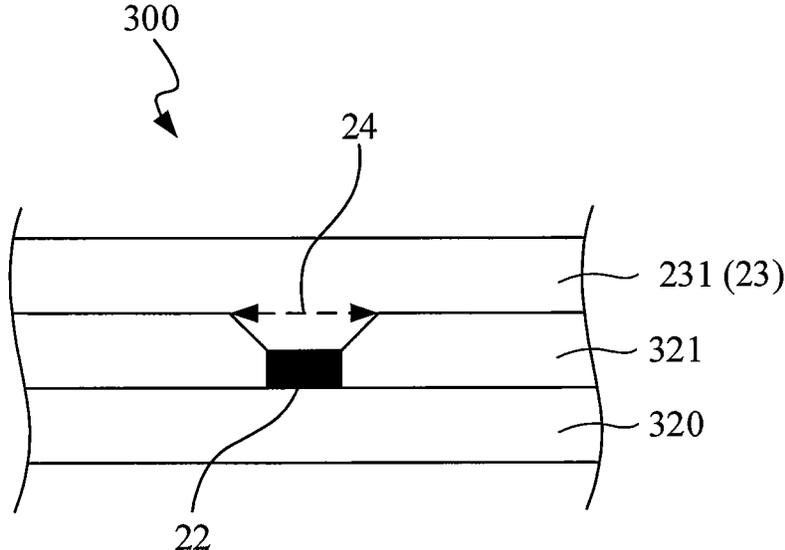


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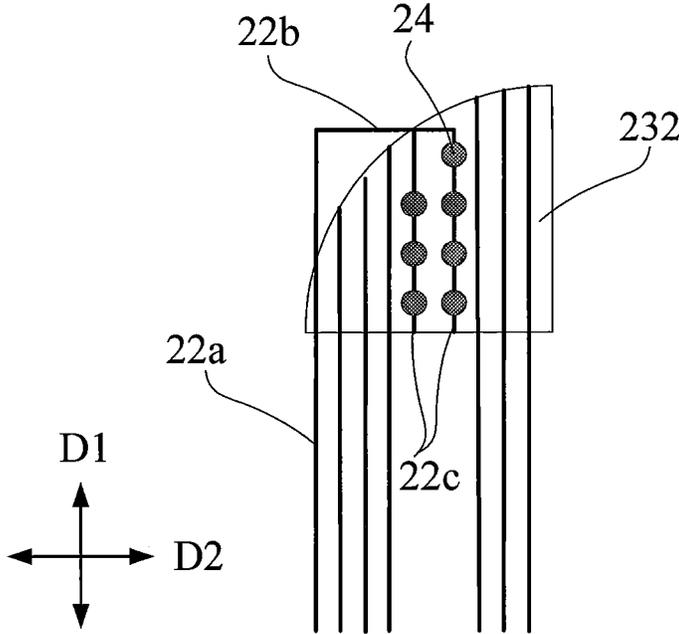


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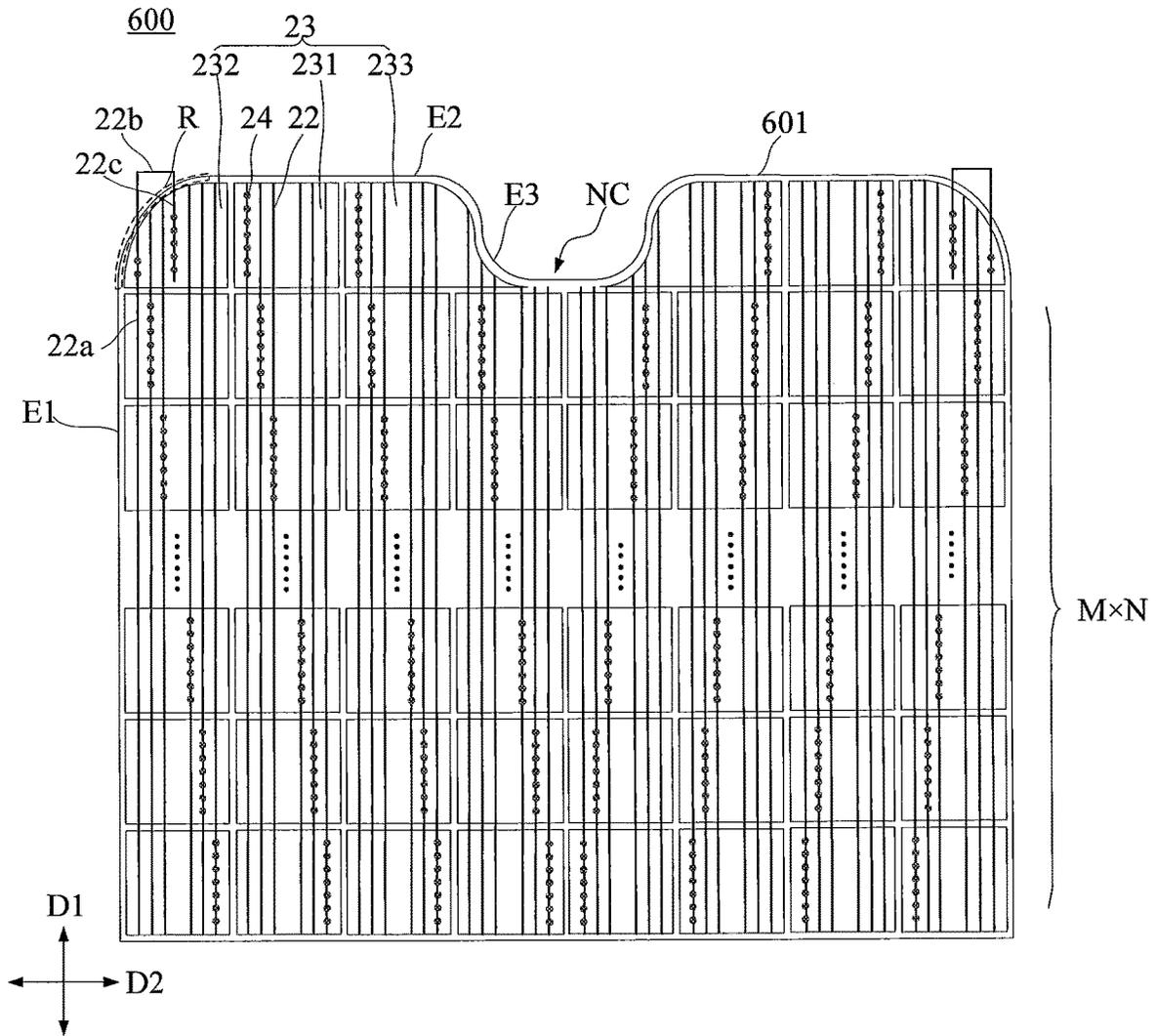


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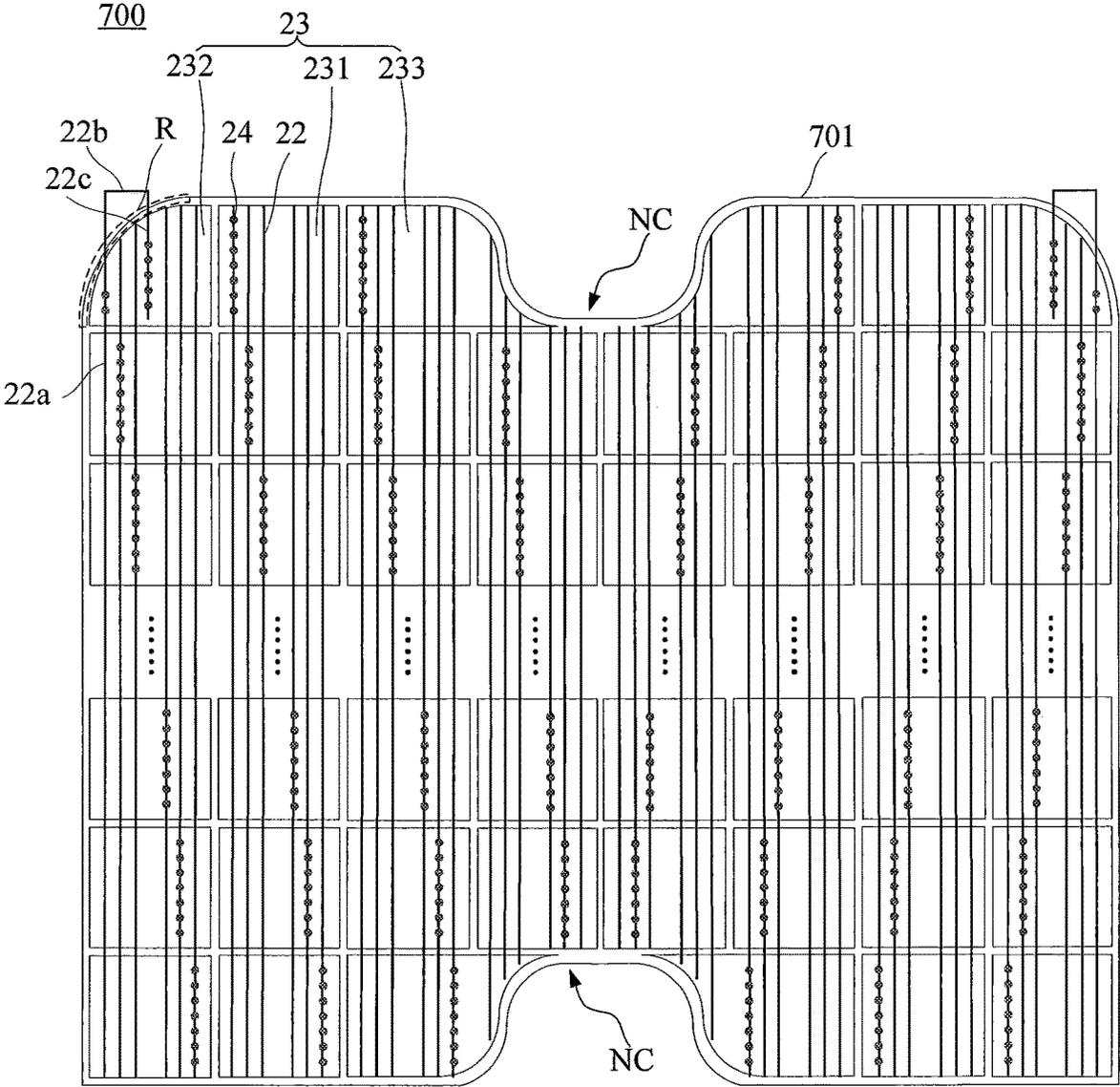


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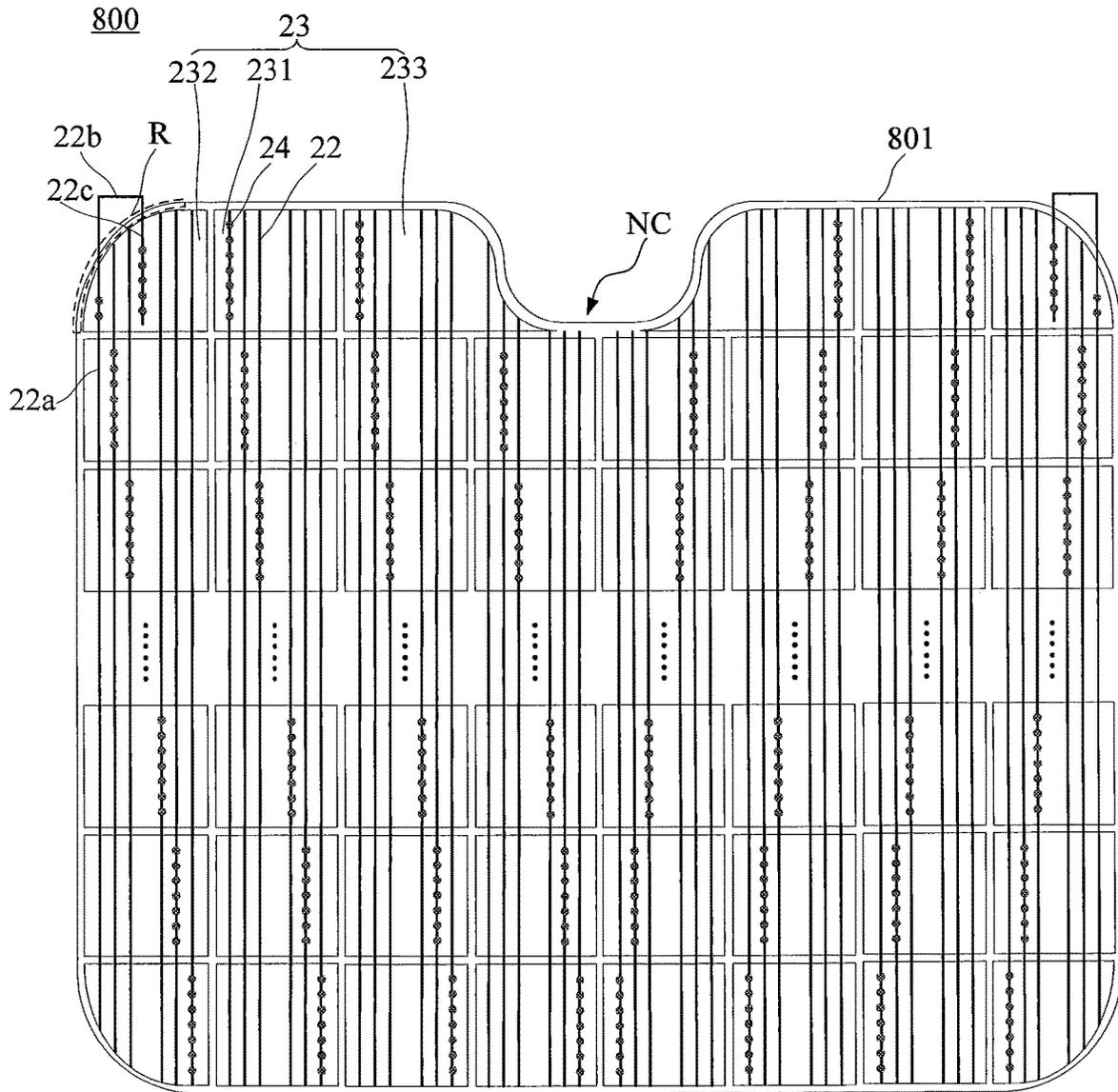


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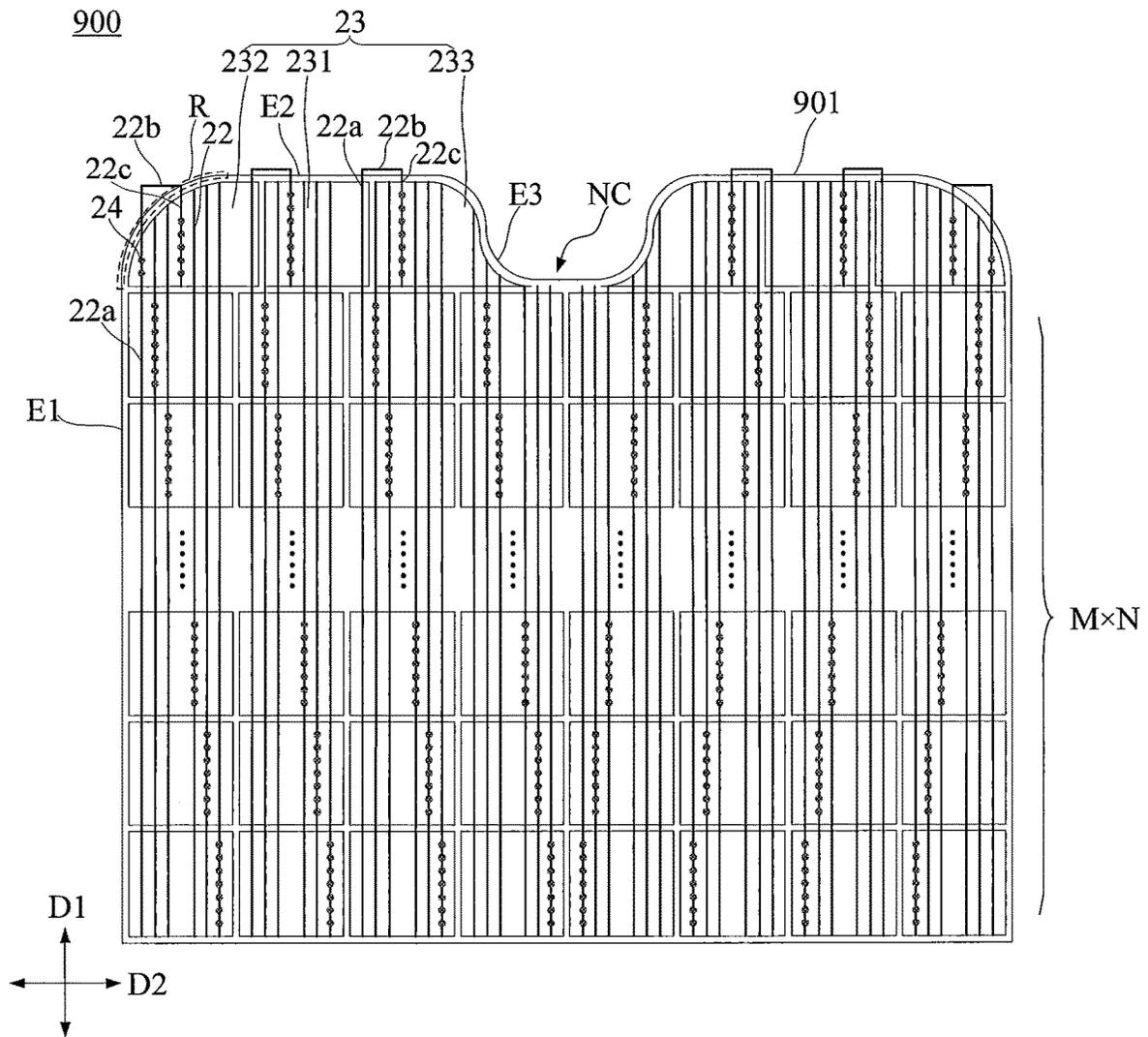


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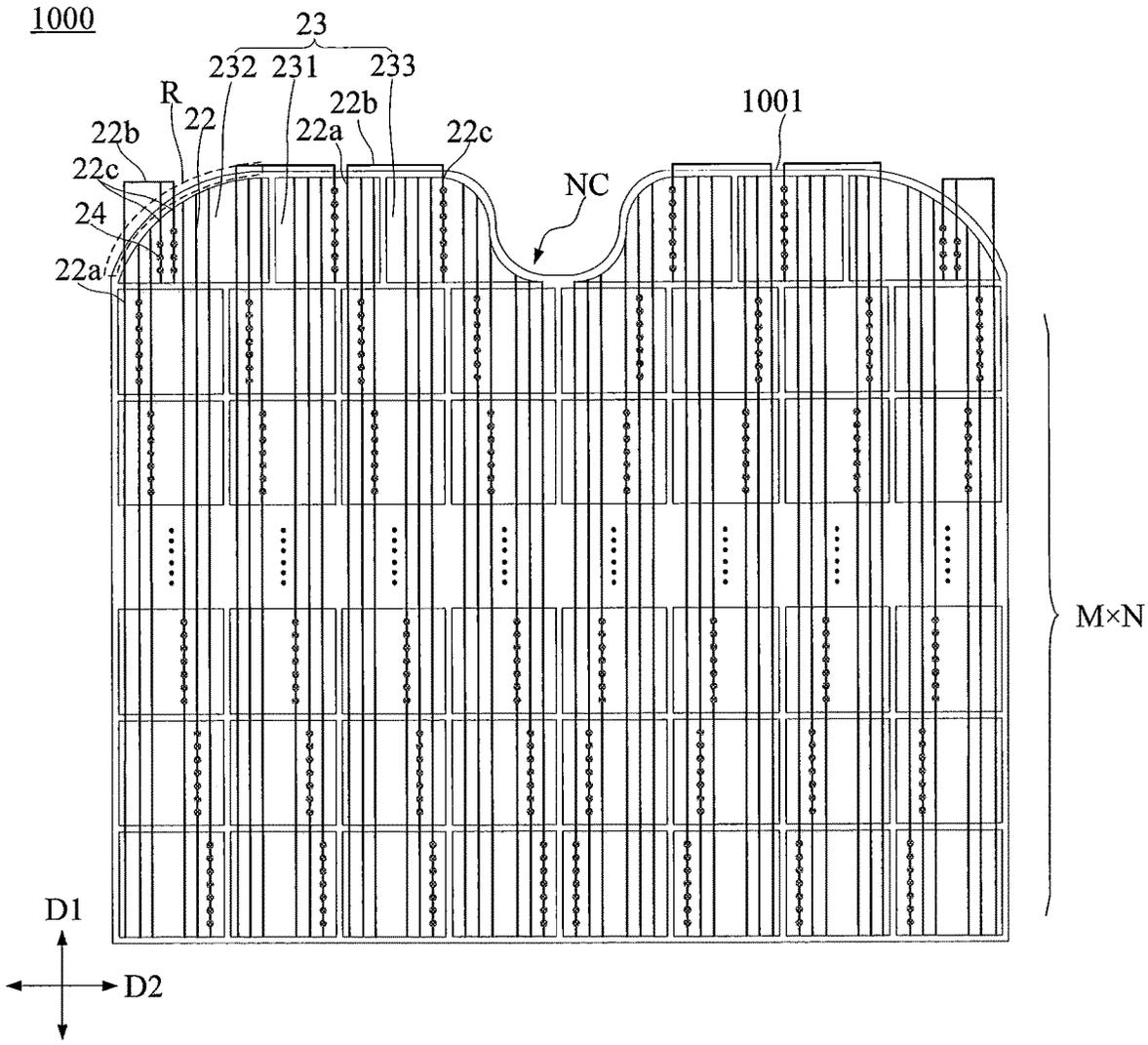


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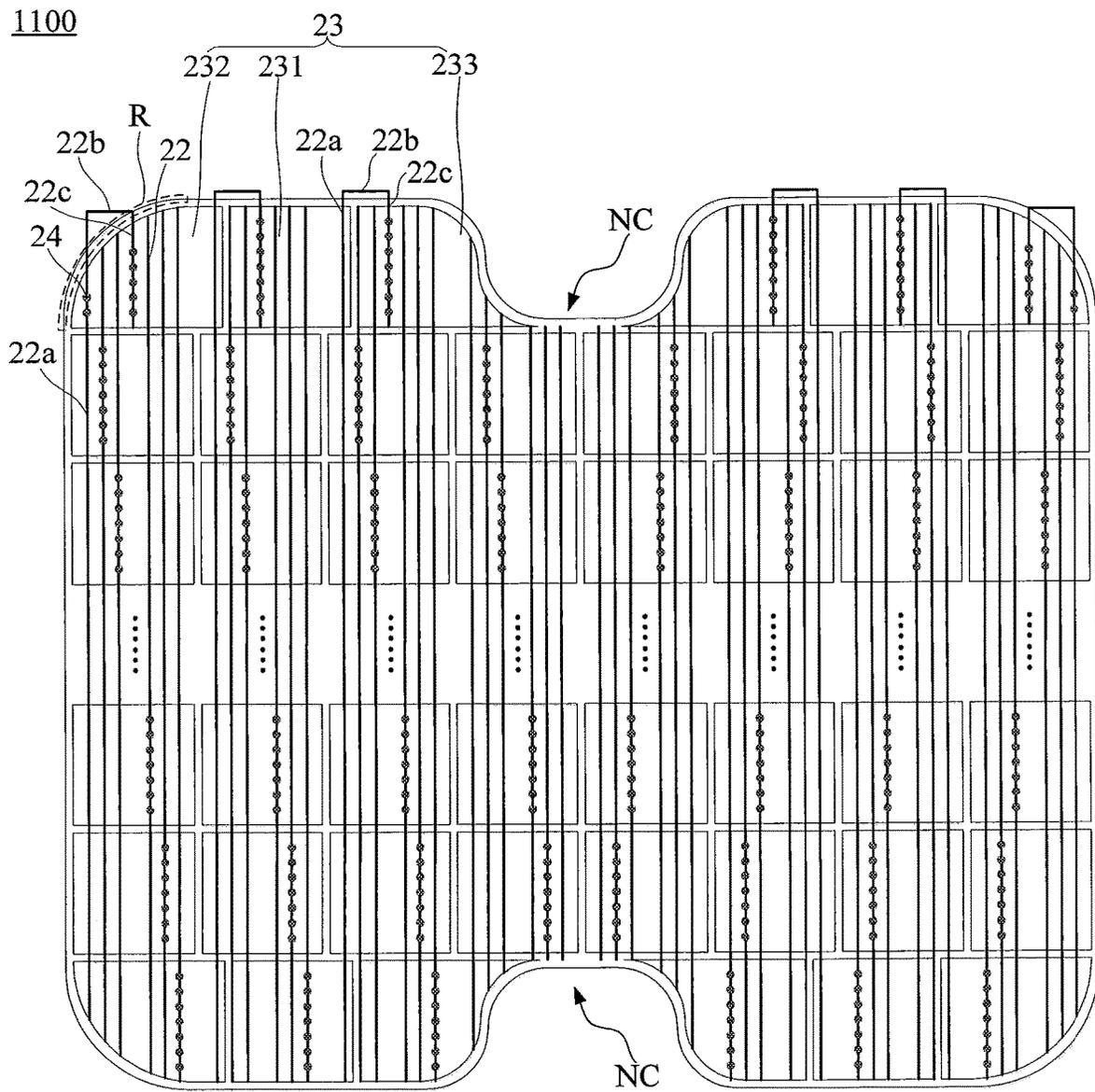


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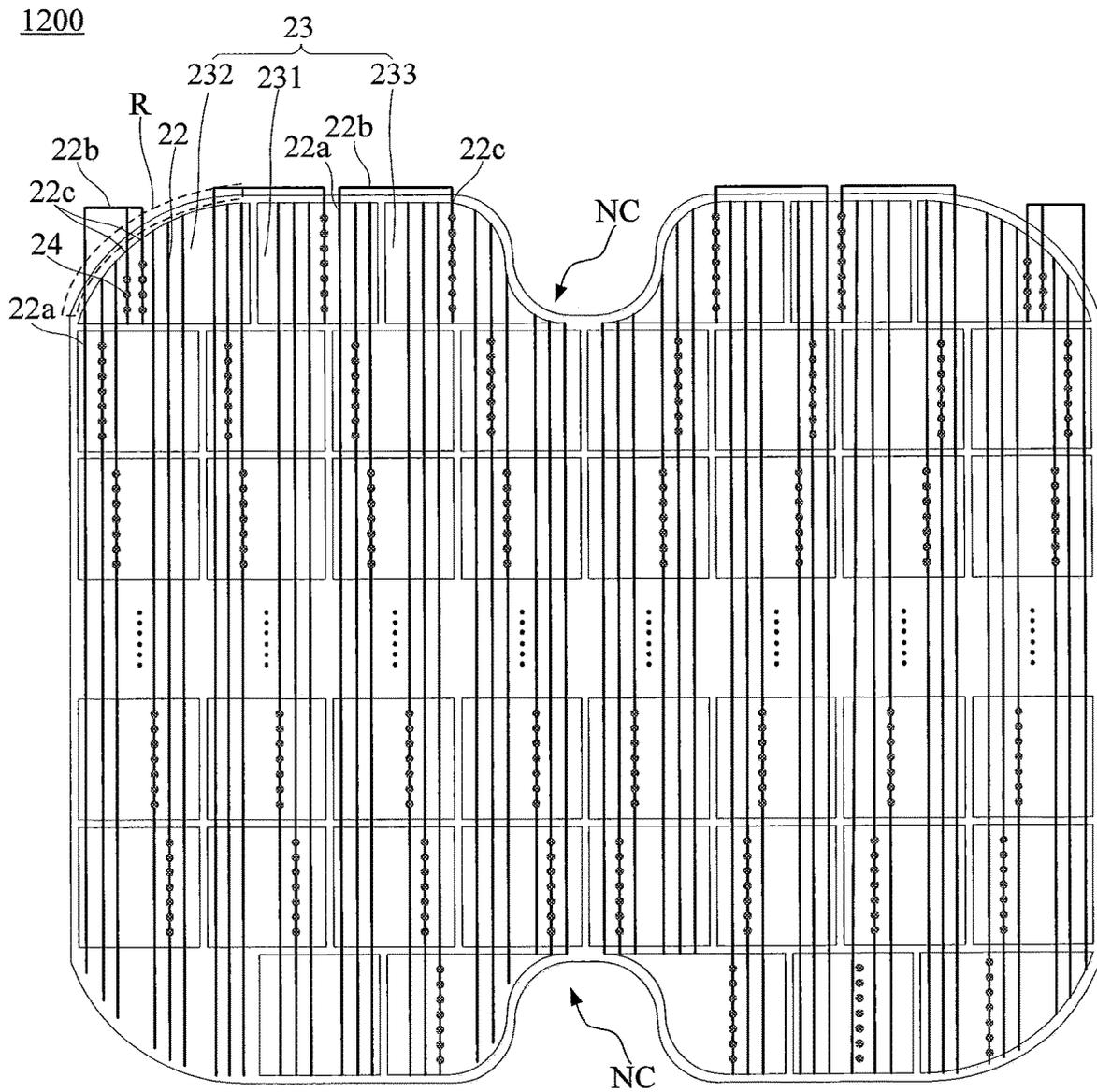


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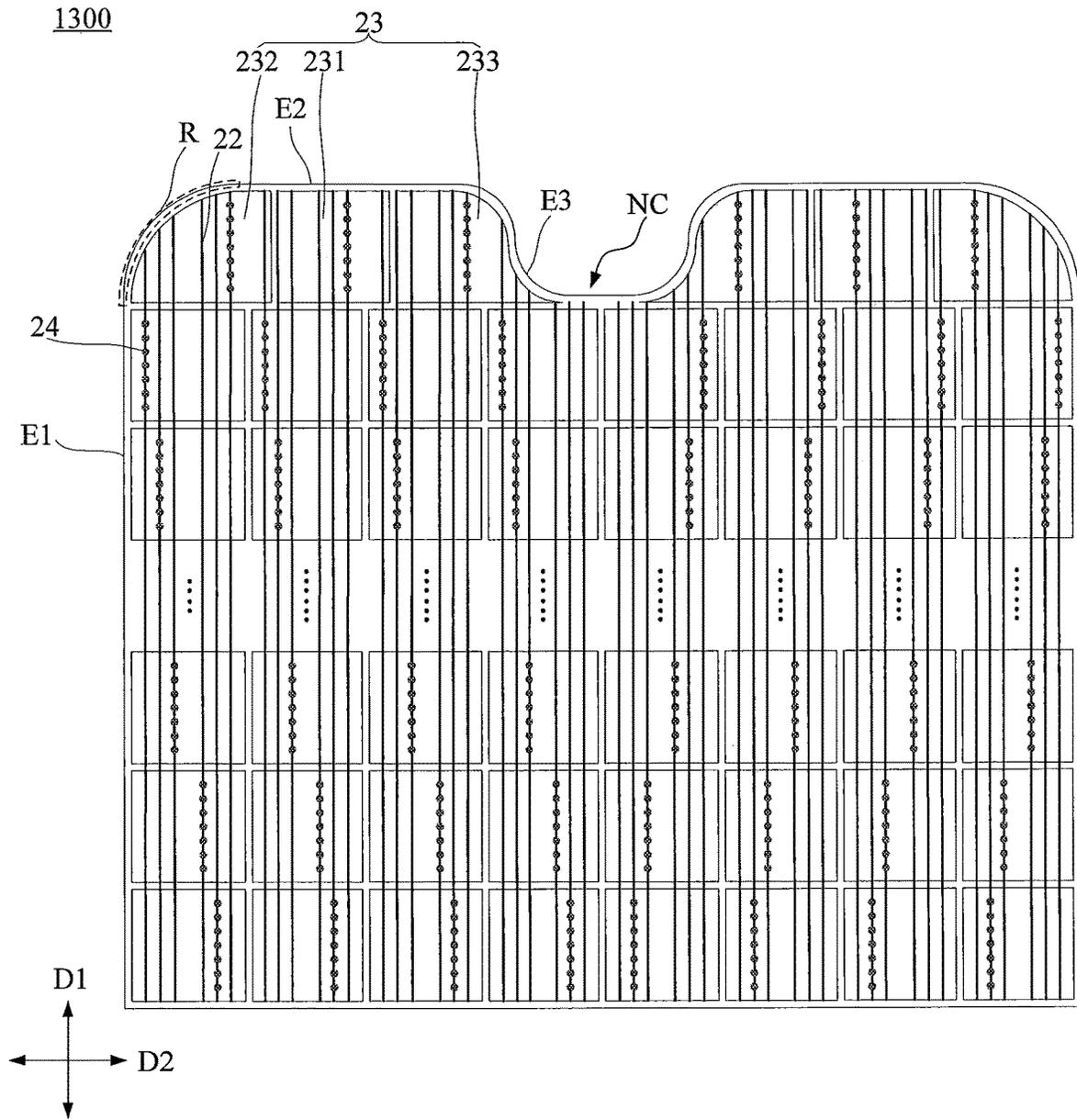


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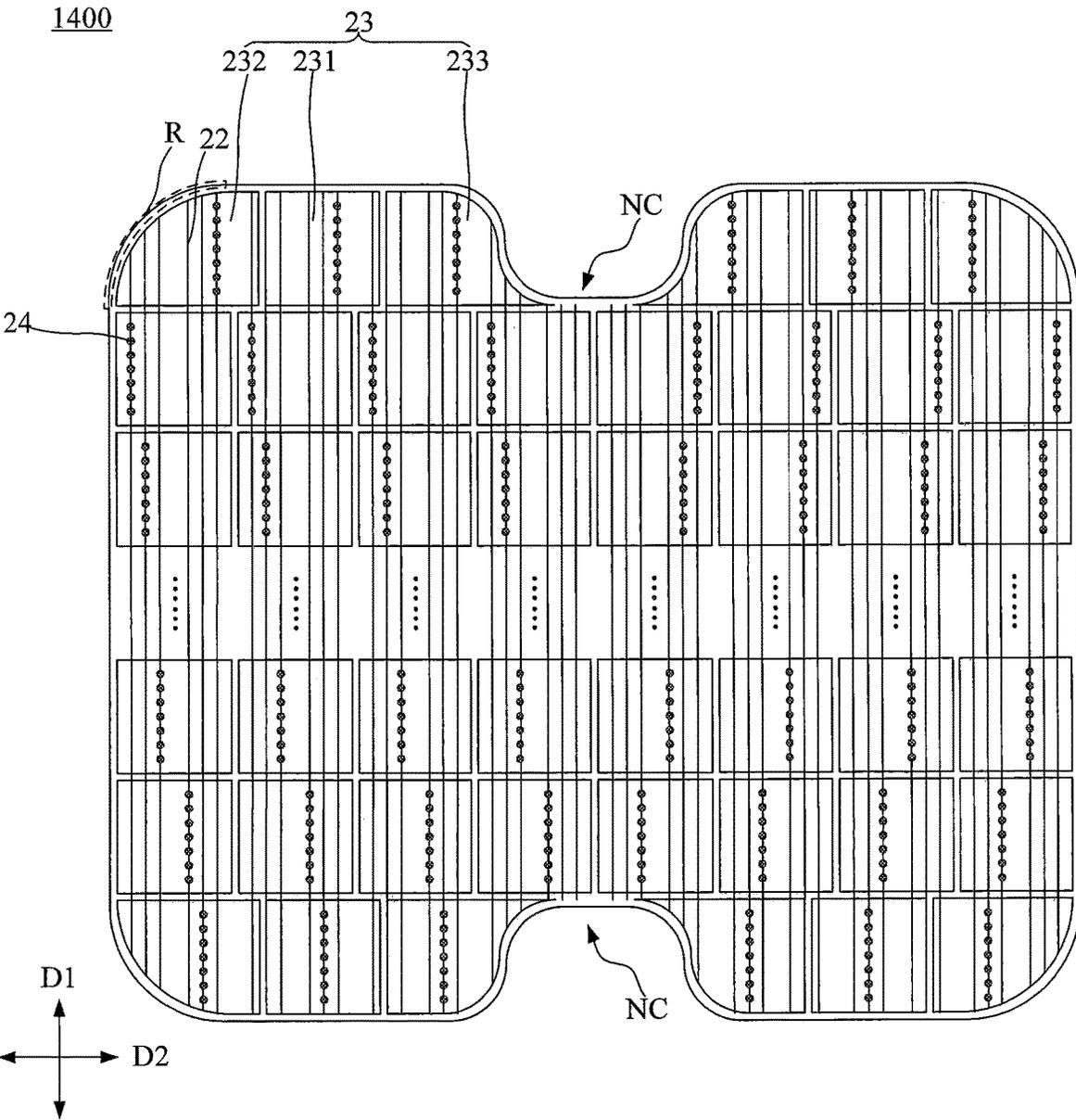


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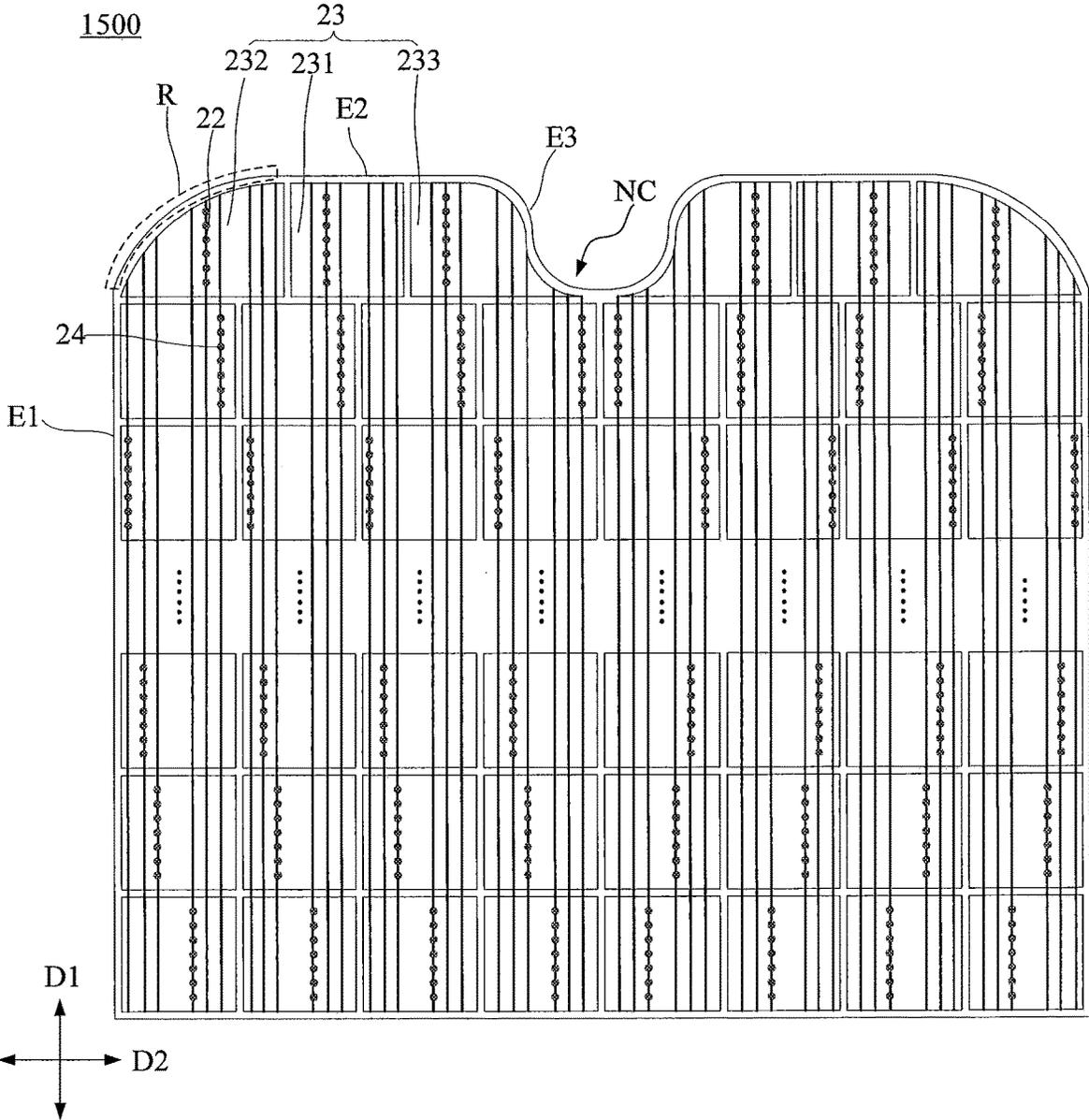


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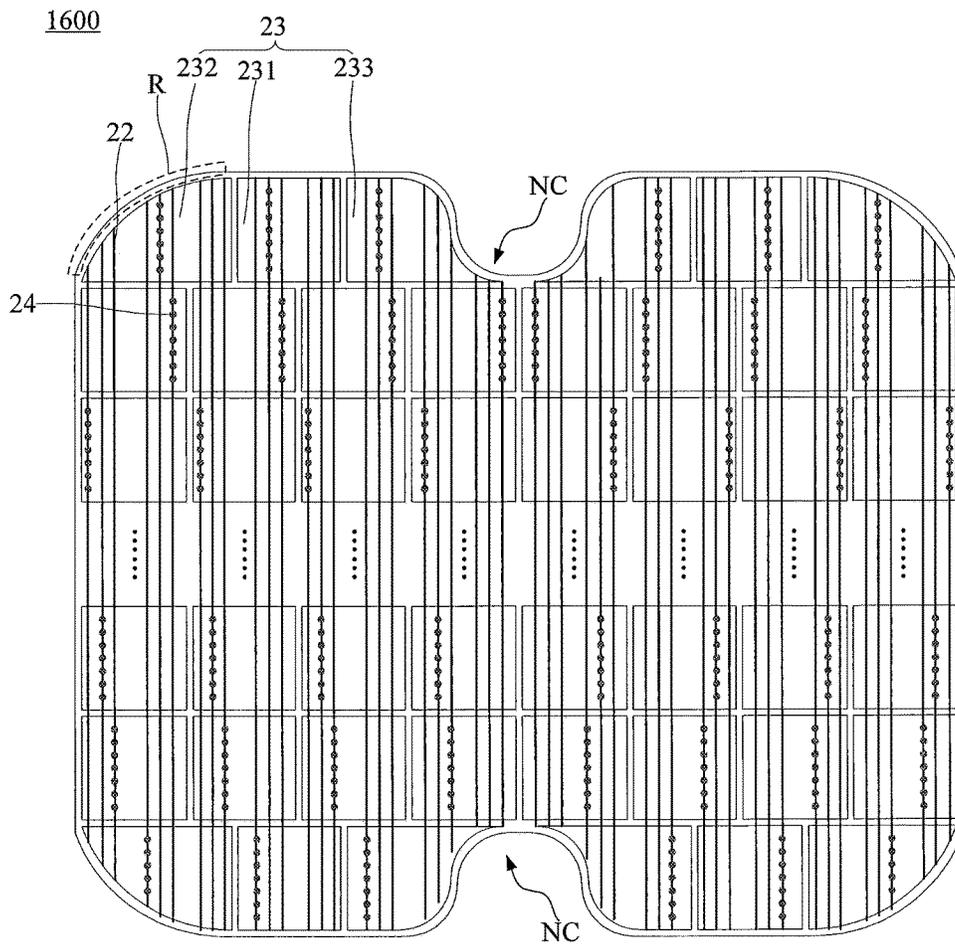


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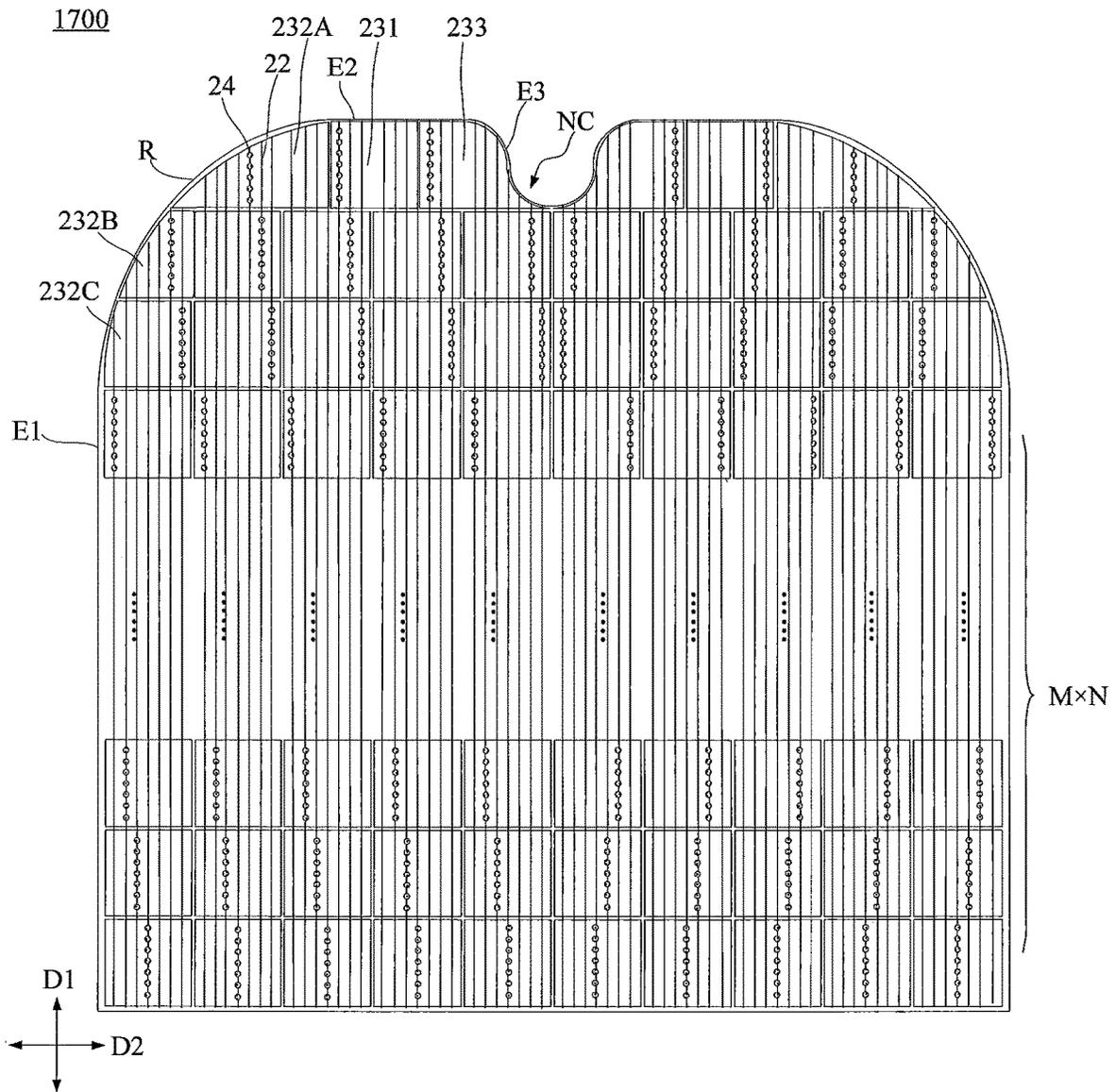


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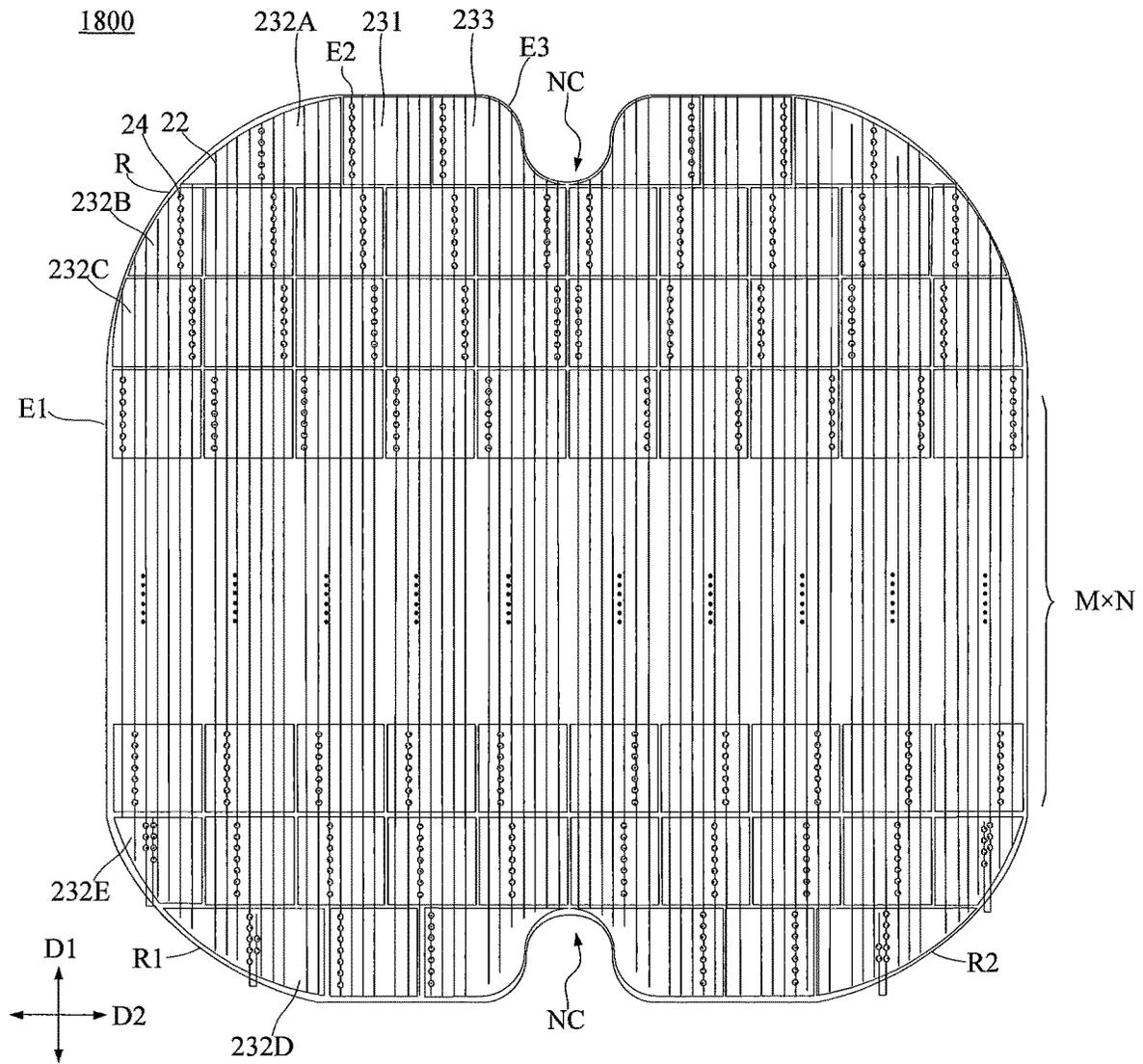


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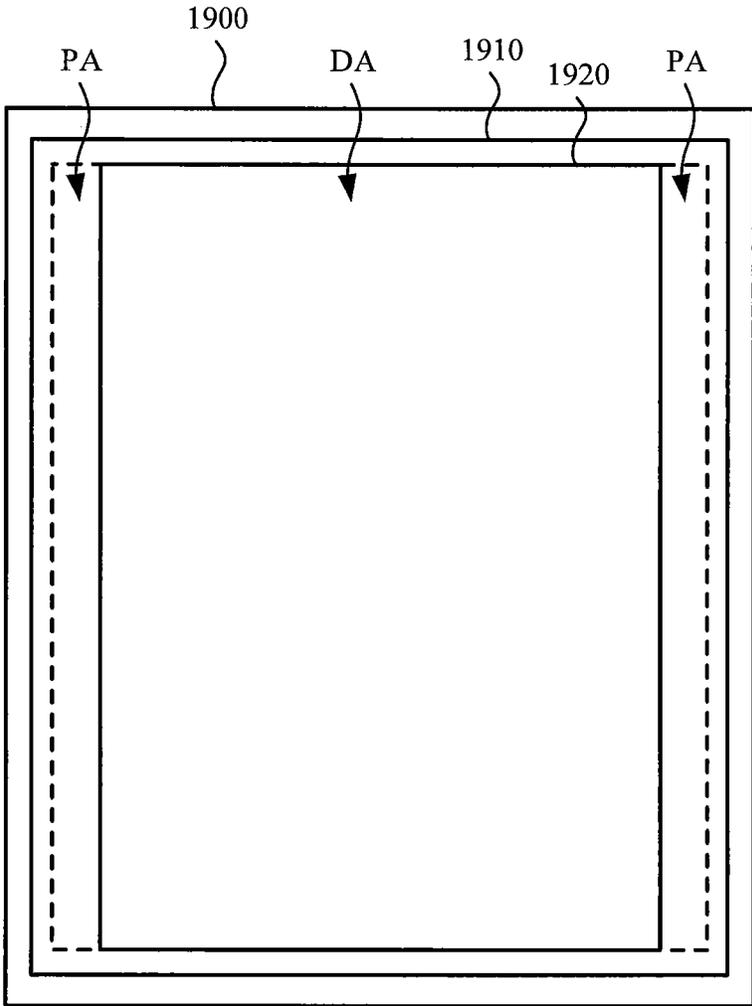


FIG. 19

**TOUCH PANEL AND TOUCH DISPLAY
DEVICE ALLOWING RELATIVELY
UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION OF CONTACT
VIAS ACROSS TOUCH ELECTRODE
BLOCKS**

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED
APPLICATIONS

The present application claims priority to Chinese Patent Application No. 201810975666.7 filed on Aug. 24, 2018, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present disclosure relates to the field of touch technologies, and in particular, to a touch panel and a touch display device.

BACKGROUND

There has been advent of touch panels in the industry that have irregular rectangular touch areas, known as irregularly shaped touch panels. In these touch panels, the corners or edges of their touch areas tend to be shaped, for example, as rounded corners or notches, such that touch electrode blocks located at such corners or edges are required to have an irregular shape, leaving other touch electrode blocks remain in a regular (e.g., rectangular) shape. The difference in shape between the irregularly shaped touch electrode blocks and the regularly shaped touch electrode blocks may affect the touch effect.

SUMMARY

According to some embodiments of the present disclosure, a touch panel is provided, comprising: a substrate; an insulating layer on the substrate; a plurality of touch electrode blocks on a first side of the insulating layer, the plurality of touch electrode blocks comprising an array of first type touch electrode blocks having a regular shape and a second type touch electrode block having an irregular shape; and a plurality of electrode lines on a second side of the insulating layer, the second side being opposite to the first side in a thickness direction of the insulating layer, the plurality of electrode lines extending in a column direction of the array and spaced apart from each other. Each of the first type touch electrode blocks is electrically connected to a respective one of the plurality of electrode lines by respective X first contact vias extending through the insulating layer, and the respective X first contact vias are arranged in a straight line in the column direction. The second type touch electrode block is electrically connected to a first corresponding one of the plurality of electrode lines by Y second contact vias extending through the insulating layer, and the Y second contact vias are arranged along at least one straight line in the column direction. X and Y are natural numbers, and $0.75 \times X \leq Y \leq 1.25 \times X$.

In some embodiments, the plurality of touch electrode blocks are within a touch area of the touch panel, and the touch area has a rectangular shape with a rounded corner. The array of first type touch electrode blocks comprises M rows and N columns, M and N are integers, and $M \geq 2$, $N \geq 2$. The second type touch electrode block is at the rounded corner, and the irregular shape is adapted to the rounded

corner such that a part of an outline of the second type touch electrode block is conformal to at least a part of an outline of the rounded corner.

In some embodiments, the second type touch electrode block is aligned with a first column of the N columns of first type touch electrode blocks. Each of the first type touch electrode blocks has a first area. The second type touch electrode block has a second area smaller than the first area.

In some embodiments, the touch area comprises a first edge extending in the column direction and a second edge extending in a row direction of the array. The first edge and the second edge adjoin the rounded corner.

In some embodiments, the first corresponding one of the plurality of electrode lines comprises a body segment extending in the column direction, at least one extending segment spaced apart from and parallel to the body segment, and a connecting segment connecting the body segment and the at least one extending segment. The body segment is closer, in the row direction, to the first edge than respective ones, electrically connected to the first column of first type touch electrode blocks, of the plurality of electrode lines. The at least one extending segment is between the respective ones of the plurality of electrode lines. At least a portion of the Y second contact vias are arranged along the at least one extending segment.

In some embodiments, the connecting segment is at least partially outside the touch area.

In some embodiments, the touch area further comprises a third edge adjoining the second edge and defining a notch of the touch area. The plurality of touch electrode blocks further comprise a third type touch electrode block having an irregular shape adapted to the notch such that a part of an outline of the third type touch electrode block is conformal to a part of an outline of the notch. The third type touch electrode block is on a same side as the second type touch electrode block with respect to the notch. The third type touch electrode block is electrically connected to a second corresponding one of the plurality of electrode lines by Y third contact vias extending through the insulating layer, and the Y third contact vias are arranged in a straight line in the column direction.

In some embodiments, the third type touch electrode block is in parallel with the second type touch electrode block in the row direction. The third type touch electrode block spans at least two columns of the N columns of first type touch electrode blocks in the row direction. The third type touch electrode block has a third area substantially equal to the first area.

In some embodiments, the second corresponding one of the plurality of electrode lines is closer to the first edge than respective ones, electrically connected to the at least two columns of first type touch electrode blocks, of the plurality of electrode lines.

In some embodiments, the second type touch electrode block spans at least two columns of the N columns of first type touch electrode blocks in a row direction of the array. Each of the first type touch electrode blocks has a first area. The second type touch electrode block has a second area substantially equal to the first area.

In some embodiments, the touch area comprises a first edge extending in the column direction and a second edge extending in the row direction. The first edge and the second edge adjoin the rounded corner.

In some embodiments, the first corresponding one of the plurality of electrode lines comprises a body segment extending in the column direction, at least one extending segment spaced apart from and parallel to the body segment,

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and a connecting segment connecting the body segment and the at least one extending segment. The body segment is closer, in the row direction, to the first edge than respective ones, electrically connected to the at least two columns of first type touch electrode blocks, of the plurality of electrode lines. The at least one extending segment is between the respective ones of the plurality of electrode lines. At least a portion of the Y second contact vias are arranged along the at least one extending segment.

In some embodiments, the connecting segment is at least partially outside the touch area.

In some embodiments, the first corresponding one of the plurality of electrode lines extends along only one straight line in the column direction, such that the Y second contact vias are arranged along the only one straight line in the column direction. The first corresponding one of the plurality of electrode lines is between respective ones, electrically connected to the at least two columns of first type touch electrode blocks, of the plurality of electrode lines.

In some embodiments, the touch area further comprises a third edge adjoining the second edge and defining a notch of the touch area. The plurality of touch electrode blocks further comprise a third type touch electrode block having an irregular shape adapted to the notch such that a part of an outline of the third type touch electrode block is conformal to a part of an outline of the notch. The third type touch electrode block is on a same side as the second type touch electrode block with respect to the notch. The third type touch electrode block is electrically connected to a second corresponding one of the plurality of electrode lines by Y third contact vias extending through the insulating layer, and the Y third contact vias are arranged along a straight line in the column direction.

In some embodiments, the third type touch electrode block is in parallel with the second type touch electrode block in the row direction. The third type touch electrode block spans at least two columns of the N columns of first type touch electrode blocks in the row direction. The third type touch electrode block has a third area substantially equal to the first area.

In some embodiments, the second corresponding one of the plurality of electrode lines comprises a body segment extending in the column direction, at least one extending segment spaced apart from and parallel to the body segment, and a connecting segment connecting the body segment and the at least one extending segment. The body segment is closer, in the row direction, to the first edge than respective ones, electrically connected to the at least two columns of first type touch electrode blocks, of the plurality of electrode lines. The at least one extending segment is between the respective ones of the plurality of electrode lines. At least a portion of the Y second contact vias are arranged along the at least one extending segment.

In some embodiments, the connecting segment is at least partially outside the touch area.

In some embodiments, the second corresponding one of the plurality of electrode lines extends along only one straight line in the column direction, such that the Y third contact vias are arranged along the only one straight line in the column direction. The second corresponding one of the plurality of electrode lines is between respective ones, electrically connected to the at least two columns of first type touch electrode blocks, of the plurality of electrode lines.

According to some embodiments, a touch display device is provided comprising a touch panel. The touch panel comprises: a substrate; an insulating layer on the substrate;

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a plurality of touch electrode blocks on a first side of the insulating layer, the plurality of touch electrode blocks comprising an array of first type touch electrode blocks having a regular shape and a second type touch electrode block having an irregular shape; and a plurality of electrode lines on a second side of the insulating layer, the second side being opposite to the first side in a thickness direction of the insulating layer, the plurality of electrode lines extending in a column direction of the array and spaced apart from each other. Each of the first type touch electrode blocks is electrically connected to a respective one of the plurality of electrode lines by respective X first contact vias extending through the insulating layer, and the respective X first contact vias are arranged in a straight line in the column direction. The second type touch electrode block is electrically connected to a first corresponding one of the plurality of electrode lines by Y second contact vias extending through the insulating layer, and the Y second contact vias are arranged along at least one straight line in the column direction. X and Y are natural numbers, and $0.75 \times X \leq Y \leq 1.25 \times X$.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Further details, features and advantages of the present disclosure are disclosed in the following description of exemplary embodiments in conjunction with the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1A is a schematic plan view of a touch panel in related art;

FIG. 1B is a schematic plan view of another touch panel in the related art;

FIG. 2 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 3 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 4 is a schematic cross-sectional view taken along line A-A' of FIG. 3;

FIG. 5 is a partial schematic view showing a variation of the wiring of the second type touch electrode block in the touch panel of FIG. 3;

FIG. 6 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 7 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 8 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 9 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 10 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 11 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 12 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 13 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 14 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 15 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 16 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 17 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 18 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel according to an embodiment of the present disclosure; and

FIG. 19 is a schematic block diagram of a touch display device according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

It will be understood that, although the terms first, second, third etc. may be used herein to describe various elements, components, regions, layers and/or sections, these elements, components, regions, layers and/or sections should not be limited by these terms. These terms are only used to distinguish one element, component, region, layer or section from another region, layer or section. Thus, a first element, component, region, layer or section discussed below could be termed a second element, component, region, layer or section without departing from the teachings of the present disclosure.

Spatially relative terms, such as “beneath”, “below”, “lower”, “under”, “above”, “upper” and the like, may be used herein for ease of description to describe one element or feature’s relationship to another element(s) or feature(s) as illustrated in the FIGS. It will be understood that the spatially relative terms are intended to encompass different orientations of the device in use or operation in addition to the orientation depicted in the FIGS. For example, if the device in the FIGS. is turned over, elements described as “below” or “beneath” or “under” other elements or features would then be oriented “above” the other elements or features. Thus, the exemplary terms “below” and “under” can encompass both an orientation of above and below. Terms such as “before” or “preceding” and “after” or “followed by” may be similarly used, for example, to indicate an order in which light passes through the elements. The device may be otherwise oriented (rotated 90 degrees or at other orientations) and the spatially relative descriptors used herein interpreted accordingly. In addition, it will also be understood that when a layer is referred to as being “between” two layers, it can be the only layer between the two layers, or one or more intervening layers may also be present.

The terminology used herein is for the purpose of describing particular embodiments only and is not intended to be limiting of the disclosure. As used herein, the singular forms “a”, “an” and “the” are intended to include the plural forms as well, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. It will be further understood that the terms “comprises” and/or “comprising,” when used in this specification, specify the presence of stated features, integers, steps, operations, elements, and/or components, but do not preclude the presence or addition of one or more other features, integers, steps, operations, elements, components, and/or groups thereof. As used herein, the term “and/or” includes any and all combinations of one or more of the associated listed items.

It will be understood that when an element or layer is referred to as being “on”, “connected to”, “coupled to”, or “adjacent to” another element or layer, it can be directly on, connected, coupled, or adjacent to the other element or layer, or intervening elements or layers may be present. In contrast, when an element is referred to as being “directly on”, “directly connected to”, “directly coupled to”, or “immediately adjacent to” another element or layer, there are no intervening elements or layers present. In no event, however, should “on” or “directly on” be construed as requiring a layer to completely cover an underlying layer.

Embodiments of the disclosure are described herein with reference to schematic illustrations of idealized embodiments (and intermediate structures) of the disclosure. As

such, variations from the shapes of the illustrations as a result, for example, of manufacturing techniques and/or tolerances, are to be expected. Thus, embodiments of the disclosure should not be construed as limited to the particular shapes of regions illustrated herein but are to include deviations in shapes that result, for example, from manufacturing. Accordingly, the regions illustrated in the FIGS. are schematic in nature and their shapes are not intended to illustrate the actual shape of a region of a device and are not intended to limit the scope of the disclosure.

Unless otherwise defined, all terms (including technical and scientific terms) used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which this disclosure belongs. It will be further understood that terms, such as those defined in commonly used dictionaries, should be interpreted as having a meaning that is consistent with their meaning in the context of the relevant art and/or the present specification and will not be interpreted in an idealized or overly formal sense unless expressly so defined herein.

FIG. 1A is a schematic plan view of a touch panel 100A in related art.

As shown in FIG. 1A, the touch panel 100A has two rounded corners R (a top left one and a top right one). A plurality of touch electrode blocks 10 are arranged in a touch area 101, wherein the touch electrode blocks 10a at the rounded corners R each have a fan shape, and the touch electrode blocks 10b other than the touch electrode blocks 10a each have a rectangular shape. Each of the touch electrode blocks 10a and 10b is electrically connected to a respective electrode line 11 by a respective plurality of contact vias 12. The respective electrode lines 11 are used to transfer touch drive/sensing signals to/from respective ones of the touch electrode blocks 10a and 10b.

In general, each of the rectangular touch electrode blocks 10b has a size of about 4 mm×4 mm. Such a size allows the rectangular touch electrode block 10b to be connected to a corresponding one of the electrode lines 11 by a sufficient number of contact vias 12, thus ensuring good touch detection performance. However, due to the difference in shape between the fan-shaped touch electrode block 10a and the rectangular touch electrode block 10b, the number of contact vias 12 connected to the fan-shaped touch electrode block 10a is less than the number of those connected to the rectangular touch electrode block 10b. The larger the radius of the rounded corner R, the smaller the number of contact vias 12 connected to the fan-shaped touch electrode block 10a. In the case where the radius of the rounded corner R is larger than 4 mm, it may even be impossible to make an electrical connection between the fan-shaped touch electrode block 10a and the corresponding electrode line 11. As a result, the touch panel 100A is not suitable for application scenarios where the touch area is required to have rounded corners with a large radius.

FIG. 1B is a schematic plan view of a touch panel 100B in the related art.

As shown in FIG. 1B, in addition to the upper left rounded corner and the upper right rounded corner, the touch panel 100B is further provided with a notch NC at its upper edge. This notch NC may be provided for accommodating, for example, camera assemblies.

At the rounded corner R, the touch panel 100B has the same problem as the touch panel 100A, that is, the touch electrode block 10a at the rounded corner R is provided with less contact vias 12 to make an electrical connection with the corresponding electrode line 11, compared with the regu-

larly shaped touch electrode block **10b**. As mentioned earlier, this can result in degraded touch detection performance.

FIG. 2 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel **200** according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

Referring to FIG. 2, the touch panel **200** includes a touch area **201** within which a plurality of touch electrode blocks **23** are arranged. The touch area **201** has a substantially rectangular shape with a rounded corner R. The touch area **201** includes a first edge E1 extending in a column direction D1 and a second edge E2 extending in a row direction D2, wherein the first edge E1 and the second edge E2 adjoin the rounded corner R.

The plurality of touch electrode blocks **23** function as mutual-capacitive type or self-capacitive type touch sensors, and are independent of each other. In the case where the touch panel **200** is integrated with an organic light emitting diode (OLED) display panel, the touch electrode blocks **23** may be realized, for example, by dividing a cathode layer in the OLED display panel into blocks. In the case where the touch panel **200** is integrated with a liquid crystal display (LCD) panel, the touch electrode blocks **23** may be realized, for example, by dividing a common electrode layer in the LCD panel into blocks. Other embodiments are of course also possible.

The plurality of touch electrode blocks **23** include an array of first type touch electrode blocks **231** having a regular (rectangular in this example) shape and a second type touch electrode block **232** having an irregular (fan-shaped in this example) shape. In other embodiments, each of the first type touch electrode blocks **231** may have other regular shapes, such as a diamond shape, and the second type touch electrode block **232** may have other irregular shapes, for example, other non-quadrilateral shapes, depending on the outline of the touch area **201**.

The array of first type touch electrode blocks **231** is arranged in M rows and N columns, where M and N are integers, $M \geq 2$, and $N \geq 2$. The second type touch electrode block **232** is located at the rounded corner R, and its irregular shape is adapted to the rounded corner R such that a part of the outline of the second type touch electrode block **232** is conformal to at least a part of the outline of the rounded corner R. In this example, the second type touch electrode block **232** is aligned with the first column of the N columns of first type touch electrode blocks **231**. Each of the first type touch electrode blocks **231** has a first area, and the second type touch electrode block **232** has a second area that is smaller than the first area.

A plurality of electrode lines **22** extend in the column direction D1 and are spaced apart from each other. The electrode lines **22** are used to transfer touch drive/sensing signals to/from respective ones of the touch electrode blocks **23**.

Each of the first type touch electrode blocks **231** is electrically connected to a respective one of the plurality of electrode lines **22** by respective X contact vias **24** (X being a natural number), and the respective X contact vias **24** are arranged along a straight line in the column direction D1.

The second type touch electrode block **232** is electrically connected to a corresponding one of the plurality of electrode lines **22** by Y contact vias **24** (Y being a natural number), and the Y contact vias **24** are arranged along two straight lines in the column direction D1.

In this embodiment, the corresponding electrode line **22** electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block **232** includes a body segment **22a** extending in the column direction D1, an extending segment **22c** spaced apart from and parallel to the body segment **22a**, and a

connecting segment **22b** connecting the body segment **22a** and the extending segment **22c**. The body segment **22a** is closer to the first edge E1 of the touch area **201** in the row direction D2 than respective electrode lines **22** that are electrically connected to the first column of first type touch electrode blocks **231**. The extending segment **22c** is located between the respective electrode lines **22**. The connecting segment **22b** is at least partially outside the touch area **201**.

Due to the presence of the extending segment **22c**, the second type touch electrode block **232** can be electrically connected to more contact vias **24**. In the example of FIG. 2, the body segment **22a** and the extending segment **22c** are electrically connected to two and five contact vias **24**, respectively, such that the second type touch electrode block **232** has the same number (seven) of contact vias **24** as the first type touch electrode block **231**. In other embodiments, the second type touch electrode block **232** may be electrically connected to substantially the same number of contact vias **24** as the first type touch electrode block **231**.

More generally, the number X of contact vias **24** electrically connected to the first type touch electrode block **231** and the number Y of contact vias **24** electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block **232** may satisfy $0.75 \times X \leq Y \leq 1.25 \times X$. This allows a relatively uniform distribution of the contact vias **24** across the touch electrode blocks, facilitating an improvement in touch detection performance.

FIG. 3 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel **300** according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

Referring to FIG. 3, the touch panel **300** has substantially the same configuration as the touch panel **200** of FIG. 2 except that the touch panel **300** is further provided with a lower left rounded corner and a lower right rounded corner. For the sake of brevity, the touch panel **300** is not described in detail herein.

FIG. 4 is a schematic cross-sectional view taken along line A-A' of FIG. 3.

Referring to FIG. 4, the touch panel **300** includes a substrate **320** and an insulating layer **321** on the substrate **320**. The first type touch electrode block **231** (or equally, all of the touch electrode blocks **23**) is located on a first side (the upper side in the figure) of the insulating layer **321**, and the electrode line **22** is located on a second side (the lower side in the figure) of the insulating layer **321**. The second side is opposite to the first side in the thickness direction of the insulating layer **321**. The contact via **24** extends through the insulating layer **321** to electrically connect the first type touch electrode block **231** to the electrode line **22**.

It will be understood that the configuration shown in FIG. 4 is exemplary. In other embodiments, the touch electrode block **23** may be located on a side of the insulating layer **321** closer to the substrate **320**, and the electrode line **22** may be located on a side of the insulating layer **321** away from the substrate **320**.

FIG. 5 is a partial schematic view showing a variation of the wiring of the second type touch electrode block **232** in the touch panel **300** of FIG. 3.

Referring to FIG. 5, in this embodiment, the electrode line **22** electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block **232** includes a body segment **22a** extending in the column direction D1, two extending segments **22c** spaced apart from and parallel to the body segment **22a**, and a connecting segment **22b** connecting the body segment **22a** and the two extending segments **22c**. Due to the presence of these two extending segments **22c**, no contact vias **24** are

electrically connected to the body segment **22a**, but all of seven contact vias **24** are electrically connected to the two extending segments **22c**.

It will be understood that the configuration shown in FIG. **5** is exemplary. In other embodiments, the electrode line **22** electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block **232** may, where applicable, include more extending segments **22c**.

FIG. **6** is a schematic plan view of a touch panel **600** in accordance with an embodiment of the present disclosure.

Referring to FIG. **6**, the touch panel **600** includes a touch area **601** within which a plurality of touch electrode blocks **23** are arranged. The touch area **601** has a rectangular shape with a rounded corner **R**. The touch area **601** includes a first edge **E1** extending in a column direction **D1** and a second edge **E2** extending in a row direction **D2**, wherein the first edge **E1** and the second edge **E2** adjoin the rounded corner **R**.

The touch panel **600** has substantially the same configuration as the touch panel **200** of FIG. **2** except that the touch area **601** is further provided with a notch **NC**. Specifically, the touch area **601** further includes a third edge **E3** that adjoins the second edge **E2** and defines the notch **NC**.

The plurality of touch electrode blocks **23** further includes a third type touch electrode block **233**. The third type touch electrode block **233** has an irregular shape adapted to the notch **NC** such that a part of the outline of the third type touch electrode block **233** is conformal to a part of the outline of the notch **NC**. The third type touch electrode block **233** is located on the same side as the second type touch electrode block **232** with respect to the notch **NC**.

The third type touch electrode block **233** is electrically connected to a corresponding one of the plurality of electrode lines **22** by Y contact vias **24**, and the Y contact vias **24** are arranged in a straight line in the column direction **D1**. The third type touch electrode block **233** is arranged in parallel with the second type touch electrode block **232** in the row direction **D2**. The third type touch electrode block **233** spans at least two columns of the $M \times N$ array of first type touch electrode blocks **231** in the row direction **D2** such that the third type touch electrode block **233** has an area substantially equal to the area of the first type touch electrode block **231**. In this context, "A substantially equal to B" means that A is in the range of, for example, $90\% \times B$ to $110\% \times B$.

The electrode line **22** electrically connected to the third type touch electrode block **233** extends in only one straight line in the column direction **D1** such that the Y contact vias **24** are arranged along the only one straight line in the column direction **D2**. The electrode line **22** electrically connected to the third type touch electrode block **233** is closer to the first edge **E1** of the touch area **601** than respective electrode lines **22** electrically connected to the at least two columns of first type touch electrode blocks **231** spanned by the third type touch electrode block **233**.

FIG. **7** is a schematic plan view of a touch panel **700** according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

Referring to FIG. **7**, the touch panel **700** has substantially the same configuration as the touch panel **600** of FIG. **6** except that the touch panel **700** is further provided with an additional notch **NC** at the bottom edge. For the sake of brevity, the touch panel **700** is not described in detail herein.

FIG. **8** is a schematic plan view of a touch panel **800** in accordance with an embodiment of the present disclosure.

Referring to FIG. **8**, the touch panel **800** has substantially the same configuration as the touch panel **600** of FIG. **6** except that the touch panel **800** is further provided with a left

lower rounded corner and a lower right rounded corner. For the sake of brevity, the touch panel **800** is not described in detail herein.

In the embodiments illustrated above with respect to FIGS. **6-8**, the second type touch electrode block **232** is aligned with a column of first type touch electrode blocks **231** that is closest to the first edge **E1**, such that the second type touch electrode block **232** has an area smaller than that of the first type touch electrode block **231**, and the third type touch electrode block **233** has an area larger than that of the first type touch electrode block **231**. This can be further improved to alleviate or eliminate the deterioration of touch performance resulting from the difference in area between the first, second, and third type touch electrode blocks.

FIG. **9** is a schematic plan view of a touch panel **900** according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

Referring to FIG. **9**, the touch panel **900** includes a touch area **901** within which a plurality of touch electrode blocks **23** are arranged. The touch area **901** has a rectangular shape with a rounded corner **R**. The touch area **901** includes a first edge **E1** extending in a column direction **D1** and a second edge **E2** extending in a row direction **D2**, wherein the first edge **E1** and the second edge **E2** adjoin the rounded corner **R**.

The plurality of touch electrode blocks **23** include an $M \times N$ array of first type touch electrode blocks **231** and a second type touch electrode block **232**. The second type touch electrode block **232** is electrically connected to a corresponding one of a plurality of electrode lines **22** by Y contact vias **24**, and the Y contact vias **24** are arranged along two straight lines in the column direction **D1**. This is similar to the configuration of the touch panel **600** shown in FIG. **6**, and will not be described in detail herein.

Different from the touch panel **600**, in the touch panel **900**, the second type touch electrode block **232** spans at least two columns of the $M \times N$ array of first type touch electrode blocks **231** in the row direction **D2**, such that the second type touch electrode block **232** has an area substantially equal to the area of the first type touch electrode block **231**.

The touch area **901** is further provided with a notch **NC**. Specifically, the touch area **901** further includes a third edge **E3** that adjoins the second edge **E2** and defines the notch **NC**.

The plurality of touch electrode blocks **23** further include a third type touch electrode block **233**. The third type touch electrode block **233** has an irregular shape adapted to the notch **NC** such that a part of the outline of the third type touch electrode block **233** is conformal to a part of the outline of the notch **NC**. The third type touch electrode block **233** is located on the same side as the second type touch electrode block **232** with respect to the notch **NC**.

The third type touch electrode block **233** is arranged in parallel with the second type touch electrode block **232** in the row direction **D2**. The third type touch electrode block **233** spans at least two columns of the $M \times N$ array of first type touch electrode blocks **231** in the row direction **D2** such that the third type touch electrode block **233** has an area substantially equal to the area of the first type touch electrode block **231**.

The third type touch electrode block **233** is electrically connected to a corresponding one of the plurality of electrode lines **22** by Y contact vias **24**, and this corresponding electrode line **22** extends along two straight lines in the column direction **D1**.

As shown in FIG. **9**, this corresponding electrode line **22** includes a body segment **22a** extending in the column direction **D1**, an extending segment **22c** spaced apart from

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and parallel to the body segment **22a**, and a connecting segment **22b** connecting the body segment **22a** and the extending segment **22c**. The body segment **22a** is closer, in the row direction **D2**, to the first edge **E1** of the touch area **901** than respective electrode lines **22** electrically connected to the at least two columns of first type touch electrode blocks **231** spanned by the third type touch electrode block **233**. The extending segment **22c** is located between these respective electrode lines **22**. All of the Y contact vias **24** are arranged along the extending segment **22c**. The connecting segment **22b** is at least partially outside the touch area **901**.

FIG. **10** is a schematic plan view of a touch panel **1000** according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

Referring to FIG. **10**, the touch panel **1000** includes a touch area **1001** within which a plurality of touch electrode blocks **23** are arranged. The touch area **1001** has a rectangular shape with a rounded corner **R**. The touch area **1001** includes a first edge **E1** extending in a column direction **D1** and a second edge **E2** extending in a row direction **D2**, wherein the first edge **E1** and the second edge **E2** adjoin the rounded corner **R**. The touch area **1001** is further provided with a notch **NC**. Specifically, the touch area **1001** further includes a third edge **E3** that adjoins the second edge **E2** and defines the notch **NC**.

Unlike the touch panel **900** of FIG. **9**, in the touch panel **1000**, the electrode line **22** electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block **232** includes two extending segments **22c**, as shown in FIG. **10**. In this example, all of the Y contact vias **24** electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block **232** are arranged along those two extending segments **22c**, with no contact vias **24** being electrically connected to the body segment **22a**.

It will be understood that the touch panel **1000** illustrated in FIG. **10** is exemplary. In some embodiments, some of the Y contact vias **24** may be arranged along the body segment **22a**. In some embodiments, the electrode line **22** electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block **232** may include more than two extending segments **22c**.

Similar to the touch panel **900**, in the touch panel **1000**, the body segment **22a** of the electrode line **22** electrically connected to the third type touch electrode block **233** is closer, in the row direction **D2**, to the first edge **E1** of the touch area **1001** than respective electrode lines **22** electrically connected to the at least two columns of first type touch electrode blocks **231** spanned by the third type touch electrode block **233**. However, in the touch panel **1000**, the extending segment **22c** of the electrode line **22** electrically connected to the third type touch electrode block **233** is farther away from the first edge **E1** as compared in the touch panel **900**. Specifically, the extending segment **22c** is farther, in the row direction **D2**, away from the first edge **E1** than the electrode lines **22** electrically connected to a column of first type touch electrode blocks **231** which is closest to the first edge **E1** among the columns of first type touch electrode blocks **231** spanned by the third type touch electrode block **233**, but is closer to the first edge **E1** than the electrode lines **22** electrically connected to the remaining columns of first type touch electrode blocks **231** spanned by the third type touch electrode block **233**.

FIG. **11** is a schematic plan view of a touch panel **1100** according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

Referring to FIG. **11**, the touch panel **1100** has substantially the same configuration as the touch panel **900** of FIG. **9** except that the touch panel **1100** is further provided with an additional notch **NC** at the bottom edge. For the sake of brevity, the touch panel **1100** is not described in detail herein.

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FIG. **12** is a schematic plan view of a touch panel **1200** according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

Referring to FIG. **12**, the touch panel **1200** has substantially the same configuration as the touch panel **1000** of FIG. **10** except that the touch panel **1200** is further provided with an additional notch **NC** at the bottom edge, a lower left rounded corner, and a lower right rounded corner. For the sake of brevity, the touch panel **1200** is not described in detail herein.

FIG. **13** is a schematic plan view of a touch panel **1300** according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

Referring to FIG. **13**, the touch panel **1300** has the same touch electrode block arrangement as the touch panel **900** of FIG. **9**, and a detailed description thereof is omitted herein for the sake of brevity.

Unlike the touch panel **900**, in the touch panel **1300**, the electrode line **22** electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block **232** extends along only one straight line in the column direction **D1**, such that the Y contact vias **24** electrically connected to the electrode line **22** are arranged along the only one straight line in the column direction **D1**. The electrode line **22** electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block **232** is located between respective electrode lines **22** electrically connected to at least two columns of first type touch electrode blocks **231** spanned by the second type touch electrode block **232**. Specifically, the electrode line **22** electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block **232** is farther, in the row direction **D2**, away from the first edge **E1** than the electrode lines **22** electrically connected to a column of first type touch electrode blocks **231** which is closest to the first edge **E1** in the row direction **D2** among the columns of first type touch electrode blocks **231** spanned by the second type touch electrode block **232**, but is closer to the first edge **E1** than the electrode lines **22** electrically connected to the remaining columns of first type touch electrode blocks **231** spanned by the second type touch electrode block **232**.

Still different from the touch panel **900**, in the touch panel **1300**, the electrode line **22** electrically connected to the third type touch electrode block **233** extends along only one straight line in the column direction **D1**, such that the Y contact vias **24** electrically connected to this electrode line **22** are arranged along the only one straight line in the column direction **D1**. The electrode line **22** electrically connected to the third type touch electrode block **233** is located between respective electrode lines **22** electrically connected to at least two columns of first type touch electrode blocks **231** spanned by the third type touch electrode block **233**. Specifically, the electrode line **22** electrically connected to the third type touch electrode block **233** is farther, in the row direction **D2**, away from the first edge **E1** than the electrode lines **22** electrically connected to a column of first type touch electrode blocks **231** which is closest to the first edge **E1** in the row direction **D2** among the columns of first type touch electrode blocks **231** spanned by the third type touch electrode block **233**, but is closer to the first edge **E1** than the electrode lines **22** electrically connected to the remaining columns of first type touch electrode blocks **231** spanned by the third type touch electrode block **233**.

Compared with the embodiments described above with respect to FIGS. **9-12**, in the touch panel **1300**, the electrode lines **22** electrically connected to the second and third type touch electrode blocks **232** and **233** have no connecting segment **22b** outside the touch area. This facilitates the reduction of the bezel area of the touch panel **1300** and hence the realization of narrow bezel designs.

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FIG. 14 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel 1400 according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

Referring to FIG. 14, the touch panel 1400 has substantially the same configuration as the touch panel 1300 of FIG. 13, except that the touch panel 1400 is further provided with an additional notch NC at the bottom edge. For the sake of brevity, the touch panel 1400 is not described in detail herein.

FIG. 15 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel 1500 according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

Referring to FIG. 15, the touch panel 1500 has the same touch electrode block arrangement as the touch panel 1000 of FIG. 10, and detailed description thereof is omitted herein for the sake of brevity.

Unlike the touch panel 1000, in the touch panel 1500, the electrode line 22 electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block 232 extends along only one straight line in the column direction D1, such that the Y contact vias 24 electrically connected to this electrode line 22 are arranged along the only one straight line in the column direction D1. The electrode line 22 electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block 232 is located between the electrode lines 22 electrically connected to a column of first type touch electrode blocks 231 which is closest to the first edge E1 in the row direction D2 among the columns of first type touch electrode blocks 231 spanned by the second type touch electrode block 232.

Still different from the touch panel 1000, in the touch panel 1500, the electrode line 22 electrically connected to the third type touch electrode block 233 extends along only one straight line in the column direction D1, such that the Y contact vias 24 electrically connected to this electrode line 22 are arranged along the only one straight line in the column direction D1. The electrode line 22 electrically connected to the third type touch electrode block 233 is located between the electrode lines 22 electrically connected to a column of first type touch electrode blocks 231 which is closest to the first edge E1 in the row direction D2 among the columns of first type touch electrode blocks 231 spanned by the third type touch electrode block 233.

FIG. 16 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel 1600 according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

Referring to FIG. 16, the touch panel 1600 has substantially the same configuration as the touch panel 1500 of FIG. 15 except that the touch panel 1600 is further provided with an additional notch NC at the bottom edge, a lower left rounded corner, and a lower right rounded corner. For the sake of brevity, the touch panel 1600 is not described in detail herein.

FIG. 17 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel 1700 according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

Referring to FIG. 17, the touch panel 1700 has a touch electrode block arrangement similar to that of the touch panel 1500 of FIG. 15, except that the touch panel 1700 now has a rounded corner R with a much larger radius. As a result, there are three second type touch electrode blocks 232A, 232B and 232C at the rounded corner R.

The second type touch electrode block 232A spans three columns of the MxN array of first type touch electrode blocks 231 in the row direction D2. The electrode line 22 electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block 232A extends along only one straight line in the column direction D1 such that the Y contact vias 24 electrically connected to this electrode line 22 are arranged along the only one straight line in the column direction D1. The electrode line 22 electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block 232A is located between respec-

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tive electrode lines 22 electrically connected to the three columns of first type touch electrode blocks 231 spanned by the second type touch electrode block 232A.

The second type touch electrode block 232B is aligned with the first column of first type touch electrode blocks 231, which is closest to the first edge E1, in the MxN array of first type touch electrode blocks 231. The electrode line 22 electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block 232B extends along only one straight line in the column direction D1 such that the Y contact vias 24 electrically connected to this electrode line 22 are arranged along the only one straight line in the column direction D1. The electrode line 22 electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block 232B is farther, in the row direction D2, away from the first edge E1 than respective electrode lines 22 electrically connected to the first column of first type touch electrode blocks 231.

The second type touch electrode block 232C is also aligned with the first column of first type touch electrode blocks 231. The electrode line 22 electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block 232C extends along only one straight line in the column direction D1 such that the Y contact vias 24 electrically connected to this electrode line 22 are arranged along the only one straight line in the column direction D1. The electrode line 22 electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block 232C is farther, in the row direction D2, away from the first edge E1 than respective electrode lines 22 electrically connected to the first column of first type touch electrode blocks 231. In this example, the electrode line 22 electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block 232C is farther, in the row direction D2, away from the first edge E1 than the electrode line 22 electrically connected to the second type touch electrode block 232B.

The third type touch electrode block 233 spans two columns of the MxN array of first type touch electrode blocks 231 in the row direction D2. The electrode line 22 electrically connected to the third type touch electrode block 233 extends along only one straight line in the column direction D1 such that the Y contact vias 24 electrically connected to this electrode line 22 are arranged along the only one straight line in the column direction D1. The electrode line 22 electrically connected to the third type touch electrode block 233 is located between respective electrode lines 22 electrically connected to the two columns of first type touch electrode blocks 231 spanned by the third type touch electrode block 233. Specifically, the electrode line 22 electrically connected to the third type touch electrode block 233 is farther away from the first edge E1 than the electrode lines 22 electrically connected to a column of first type touch electrode blocks 231 which is closest to the first edge E1 in the row direction D2 among the columns of first type touch electrode blocks 231 spanned by the third type touch electrode block 233, but is closer to the first edge E1 than the electrode lines 22 electrically connected to the other column of first type touch electrode blocks 231 spanned by the third type touch electrode block 233.

FIG. 18 is a schematic plan view of a touch panel 1800 according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

Referring to FIG. 18, the touch panel 1800 has substantially the same configuration as the touch panel 1700 of FIG. 17 except that the touch panel 1800 is further provided with an additional notch NC at the bottom edge, a lower left rounded corner R1, and a lower right rounded corner R2. The same configuration of the touch panel 1800 as that of the touch panel 1700 is omitted here for the sake of brevity.

At the lower left rounded corner **R1**, there are two second type touch electrode blocks **232D** and **232E**. The second type touch electrode blocks **232D** and **232E** each have an arrangement of electrode line-contact vias similar to that of the second type touch electrode block **232** shown in FIG. 9, the detailed description of which is omitted here for the sake of brevity.

The touch panel embodiments described above may have an arrangement of touch electrode blocks, electrode lines, and contact vias that is symmetric about a center line extending in the column direction **D1**, although this is not necessary. In this case, only a half area of the illustrated touch panel is described, and the description of the other half area of the illustrated touch panel is omitted for the sake of brevity.

FIG. 19 is a schematic block diagram of a touch display device **1900** according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

Referring to FIG. 19, the display device **1900** includes a display panel **1910** that displays images and a touch panel **1920** that is integrated with the display panel **1910**. The display panel **1910** may be an organic light emitting display panel. However, this is not restrictive, and the display panel **1910** may be any other type of display panel.

The display panel **1910** may include a display area **DA** and a peripheral area **PA** disposed outside the display area **DA**. The display area **DA** may include a plurality of pixels, and an image may be displayed from the display area **DA**. The peripheral area **PA** may be disposed on one side of the display area **DA**. As shown in FIG. 19, the peripheral area **PA** surrounds at least a portion of the display area **DA**, but this is not restrictive. The arrangement of the display area **DA** and the peripheral area **PA** may be changed as needed.

The touch panel **1920** may take the form of any of the touch panels and variations thereof described above with respect to FIGS. 2-18. In the present exemplary embodiment, the touch panel **1920** is disposed in the display area **DA**, but this is not restrictive. The touch panel **1920** may extend to the peripheral area **PA**.

It will be understood that although the display device **1900** is illustrated in FIG. 19 as having a rectangular outline, this is merely illustrative. For purposes of the present disclosure, the display device **1900** in fact has a substantially rectangular outline with at least one rounded corner.

While several specific implementation details are contained in the above discussions, these should not be construed as limitations on the scope of the present disclosure, but rather as descriptions of features that may be specific to particular embodiments. Certain features that are described in this specification in the context of separate embodiments can also be implemented in combination in a single embodiment. Conversely, various features that are described in the context of a single embodiment can also be implemented in multiple embodiments separately or in any suitable sub-combination. Moreover, although features may be described above as acting in certain combinations and even initially claimed as such, one or more features from a claimed combination can in some cases be excised from the combination, and the claimed combination may be directed to a sub-combination or variation of a sub-combination.

The above description is only specific embodiments of the present disclosure, and the scope of the present disclosure is not limited thereto. Variations or substitutions of the disclosed embodiments can be readily conceived of by those skilled in the art without departing from the scope of the disclosure. Thus, the scope of the disclosure should be defined by the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A touch panel, comprising:

a substrate;

an insulating layer on the substrate;

a plurality of touch electrode blocks on a first side of the insulating layer, the plurality of touch electrode blocks comprising multiple first type touch electrode blocks having a regular shape and a second type touch electrode block having an irregular shape; and

a plurality of electrode lines on a second side of the insulating layer, the second side being opposite to the first side in a thickness direction of the insulating layer, wherein the plurality of touch electrode blocks are on a touch area of the touch panel, and the touch area comprises a rectangular shape with a rounded corner, wherein the multiple first type touch electrode blocks comprise a $M \times N$ array of first type touch electrode blocks, M and N are integers, and $M \geq 2$, $N \geq 2$, the second type touch electrode block is at the rounded corner, and the irregular shape is adapted to the rounded corner such that a portion of an outline of the second type touch electrode block is conformal to at least a portion of an outline of the rounded corner, wherein the plurality of electrode lines extend in a column direction of the $M \times N$ array and spaced apart from each other,

wherein ones of the first type touch electrode blocks are electrically connected to respective ones of the plurality of electrode lines by respective X first contact vias extending through the insulating layer, and the respective X first contact vias are arranged in a straight line in the column direction,

wherein the second type touch electrode block is electrically connected to a first corresponding one of the plurality of electrode lines by Y second contact vias extending through the insulating layer, and the Y second contact vias are arranged along at least one straight line in the column direction, and

wherein X and Y are natural numbers, and $0.75 \times X \leq Y \leq 1.25 \times X$,

wherein the touch area comprises a first edge extending in the column direction and a second edge extending in a row direction of the array, the first edge and the second edge adjoin the rounded corner, wherein the touch area further comprises a third edge adjoining the second edge and defining a notch of the touch area,

wherein the plurality of touch electrode blocks further comprise a third type touch electrode block having an irregular shape adapted to the notch such that a portion of an outline of the third type touch electrode block is conformal to a portion of an outline of the notch,

wherein the multiple first type touch electrode blocks further comprise an additional first type touch electrode block between the second type touch electrode block and the third type touch electrode block, wherein the second type touch electrode block, the additional first type touch electrode block and the third type touch electrode block are arranged along the row direction of the array, wherein each of the second type touch electrode block, the additional first type touch electrode block and the third type touch electrode block is shifted with respect to each column of first type touch electrode blocks of the array of first type touch electrode blocks in the column direction of the array, wherein the first type touch electrode block, the second type touch electrode block and the third type touch electrode block have a substantially same area.

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2. The touch panel of claim 1,
wherein a side of the second type touch electrode block
close to the first edge is aligned with a first column of
first type touch electrode blocks of the array of first type
touch electrode blocks.
3. The touch panel of claim 2,
wherein the first corresponding one of the plurality of
electrode lines comprises a body segment extending in
the column direction, at least one extending segment
spaced apart from and parallel to the body segment, and
a connecting segment connecting the body segment and
the at least one extending segment,
wherein the body segment is closer, in the row direction,
to the first edge than respective ones of the plurality of
electrode lines that are electrically connected to the first
column of first type touch electrode blocks,
wherein the at least one extending segment is between the
respective ones of the plurality of electrode lines, and
wherein at least a portion of the Y second contact vias are
arranged along the at least one extending segment.
4. The touch panel of claim 3, wherein the connecting
segment is at least partially outside the touch area.
5. The touch panel of claim 2,
wherein the third type touch electrode block is on a same
side as the second type touch electrode block with
respect to the notch, and
wherein the third type touch electrode block is electrically
connected to a second corresponding one of the plu-
rality of electrode lines by Y third contact vias extend-
ing through the insulating layer, and the Y third contact
vias are arranged in a straight line in the column
direction.
6. The touch panel of claim 5,
wherein the third type touch electrode block spans at least
two columns of the first type touch electrode blocks in
the row direction.
7. The touch panel of claim 6, wherein the second
corresponding one of the plurality of electrode lines is closer
to the first edge than respective ones of the plurality of
electrode lines that are electrically connected to the at least
two columns of first type touch electrode blocks.
8. The touch panel of claim 1,
wherein the second type touch electrode block spans at
least two columns of first type touch electrode blocks in
the row direction of the array.
9. The touch panel of claim 8,
wherein the first corresponding one of the plurality of
electrode lines comprises a body segment extending in
the column direction, at least one extending segment
spaced apart from and parallel to the body segment, and
a connecting segment connecting the body segment and
the at least one extending segment,
wherein the body segment is closer, in the row direction,
to the first edge than respective ones of the plurality of
electrode lines that are electrically connected to the at
least two columns of first type touch electrode blocks,
wherein the at least one extending segment is between the
respective ones of the plurality of electrode lines, and
wherein at least a portion of the Y second contact vias are
arranged along the at least one extending segment.
10. The touch panel of claim 9, wherein the connecting
segment is at least partially outside the touch area.
11. The touch panel of claim 8,
wherein the first corresponding one of the plurality of
electrode lines extends along one straight line in the

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- column direction, such that the Y second contact vias
are arranged along the one straight line in the column
direction, and
wherein the first corresponding one of the plurality of
electrode lines is between respective ones of the plu-
rality of electrode lines that are electrically connected
to the at least two columns of first type touch electrode
blocks.
12. The touch panel of claim 8,
wherein the third type touch electrode block is on a same
side as the second type touch electrode block with
respect to the notch, and
wherein the third type touch electrode block is electrically
connected to a second corresponding one of the plu-
rality of electrode lines by Y third contact vias extend-
ing through the insulating layer, and the Y third contact
vias are arranged along a straight line in the column
direction.
13. The touch panel of claim 12,
wherein the third type touch electrode block spans at least
two columns of first type touch electrode blocks in the
row direction.
14. The touch panel of claim 13,
wherein the second corresponding one of the plurality of
electrode lines comprises a body segment extending in
the column direction, at least one extending segment
spaced apart from and parallel to the body segment, and
a connecting segment connecting the body segment and
the at least one extending segment,
wherein the body segment is closer, in the row direction,
to the first edge than respective ones of the plurality of
electrode lines that are electrically connected to the at
least two columns of first type touch electrode blocks,
wherein the at least one extending segment is between the
respective ones of the plurality of electrode lines, and
wherein at least a portion of the Y second contact vias are
arranged along the at least one extending segment.
15. The touch panel of claim 14, wherein the connecting
segment is at least partially outside the touch area.
16. The touch panel of claim 13,
wherein the second corresponding one of the plurality of
electrode lines extends along one straight line in the
column direction, such that the Y third contact vias are
arranged along the one straight line in the column
direction, and
wherein the second corresponding one of the plurality of
electrode lines is between respective ones of the plu-
rality of electrode lines that are electrically connected
to the at least two columns of first type touch electrode
blocks.
17. A touch display device, comprising:
a touch panel comprising:
a substrate;
an insulating layer on the substrate;
a plurality of touch electrode blocks on a first side of the
insulating layer, the plurality of touch electrode blocks
comprising multiple first type touch electrode blocks
having a regular shape and a second type touch elec-
trode block having an irregular shape; and
a plurality of electrode lines on a second side of the
insulating layer, the second side being opposite to the
first side in a thickness direction of the insulating layer,
wherein the plurality of touch electrode blocks are on a
touch area of the touch panel, and the touch area
comprises a rectangular shape with a rounded corner,
wherein the multiple first type touch electrode blocks
comprise a M*N array of first type touch electrode

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blocks, M and N are integers, and $M \geq 2$, $N \geq 2$, the second type touch electrode block is at the rounded corner, and the irregular shape is adapted to the rounded corner such that a portion of an outline of the second type touch electrode block is conformal to at least a portion of an outline of the rounded corner, wherein the plurality of electrode lines extend in a column direction of the array and spaced apart from each other, wherein ones of the first type touch electrode blocks are electrically connected to respective ones of the plurality of electrode lines by respective X first contact vias extending through the insulating layer, and the respective X first contact vias are arranged in a straight line in the column direction, wherein the second type touch electrode block is electrically connected to a first corresponding one of the plurality of electrode lines by Y second contact vias extending through the insulating layer, and the Y second contact vias are arranged along at least one straight line in the column direction, and wherein X and Y are natural numbers, and $0.75 \times X \leq Y \leq 1.25 \times X$, wherein the touch area comprises a first edge extending in the column direction and a second edge extending in a row direction of the array, the first edge and the second

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edge adjoin the rounded corner, wherein the touch area further comprises a third edge adjoining the second edge and defining a notch of the touch area, wherein the plurality of touch electrode blocks further comprise a third type touch electrode block having an irregular shape adapted to the notch such that a portion of an outline of the third type touch electrode block is conformal to a portion of an outline of the notch, wherein the multiple first type touch electrode blocks further comprise an additional first type touch electrode block between the second type touch electrode block and the third type touch electrode block, wherein the second type touch electrode block, the additional first type touch electrode block and the third type touch electrode block are arranged along the row direction of the array, wherein each of the second type touch electrode block, the additional first type touch electrode block and the third type touch electrode block is shifted with respect to each column of first type touch electrode blocks in the column direction of the array, wherein the first type touch electrode block, the second type touch electrode block and the third type touch electrode block have a substantially same area.

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